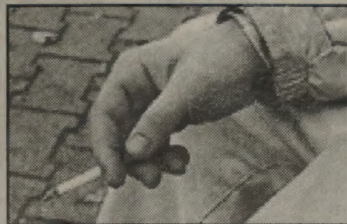




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Rehearsing for opening night...

Freshman Chris O'Neil and senior Holly Weber go over the lines in preparation for this fall's mainstage production, *Tartuffe*. The play opens tonight at 8 p.m. in the McCarthy Arts Center.

Campus responds to homophobia

By Jim Welch
Online Executive Editor

Senior Theresa Krieger said that she sometimes is fearful of her safety on the St. Michael's campus. Krieger is a lesbian.

Krieger usually feels that homosexuals are safe at St. Michael's, she said.

**"It just takes a couple
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•senior Theresa Krieger,
president of ALLY

"Every now and again, I get a reminder maybe you're not (safe)," she said. "It just takes a couple of people to enact a hate crime."

Homophobic messages were written on message boards in Joyce Hall earlier this year. This is the third consecutive year such events have been reported.

The ALLY group, an organization that addresses issues concerning lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, has sponsored several events in response to the murder last month of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student who was beaten, burned and left hanging on a fence to die. During the week of Oct. 11-17, ALLY sent a card to his former school, held a noon time vigil in front of the St. Michael's Chapel, and

released balloons containing students' questions about homosexuality.

Linda Hollingdale, co-advisor of ALLY, said that these events were needed after the murder in Wyoming. "What happened on my e-mail and phone was a sense of outreach," she said.

"It became a form of public denouncement," she said. Hollingdale said that the week after Shepard's death a new student came to the ALLY meeting in response to the hate crime.

About 10 to 12 students are active members of ALLY, Hollingdale said. She added, though, that the ALLY mailing list has hundreds of students on it, and events always have "an incredible turnout."

Krieger, the president of ALLY, said that the response to the events has been mixed. There were as many or more faculty at the vigil for Shepard as students, she said.

She also said that there were some students who didn't want to sign the card. Krieger said she wonders if these students were just too busy, or if they were opposed to homosexuality.

A senior male who wished to remain anonymous said, "I think (homosexuality) is wrong both from a Biblical and scientific standpoint."

"There are several verses in the Bible that say that it is not how God created things," he said.

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SA proposal tackles sweatshop labor

Resolution prompts Bookstore to investigate suppliers

Rhonda Miner
Staff Writer

The Political Science Club is sponsoring a resolution that would prevent St. Michael's Bookstore from buying products from companies that do not provide adequate conditions for their workers.

The resolution, also supported by the Peace and Justice and Amnesty International organizations on campus, must be passed by the Student Association to take effect.

The SA declined to vote on the resolution at its Oct. 27 meet-

ing, saying the impact of the resolution was not made clear.

Student Association President Jen Scola said the resolution does not account for the effects it may have on other campus departments. "Honestly, I think it will eventually pass," she said. "Now it's too ambiguous."

The resolution would force the bookstore to stop buying products from companies that do not comply with minimum standards for workers such as age, wages, hours and physical conditions of factories.

If passed, the effect on St. Michael's students would be min-

imal, as prices in the bookstore would not increase.

According to Paul Olsen, a graduate program director who has worked closely with the bookstore and the Political Science Club on the resolution, the only real impact the resolution would have, however small, would be on the problem of sweatshop labor.

Bookstore Manager Steve McMahon said several companies, especially the suppliers of novelty items, have already been investigated.

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Prayer service to be held in memory of drama professor

By Kim McCray
Staff Writer

St. Michael's College carries October's breast cancer awareness activities into November with a prayer service honoring the life and legacy of a former drama professor and breast-cancer victim.

The event, "Celebration of Joanne Rathgeb: Continuing the Legacy," will focus on Rathgeb's life, interests, and accomplishments using prayer, reflection,

information and entertainment, Professor Peter Harrigan, a member of the planning committee, said.

"It will consist of traditional prayers, liturgical dance, poetry readings, musical performances, slides and a short videotaped monologue of Joanne performing a comic piece she wrote called 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Radiation,'" Harrigan said.

Joanne Rathgeb was a St. Michael's professor, actress and,

in her later years, a cancer activist.

She lost her battle with cancer four years ago on Nov. 19.

The idea for the service came from President Marc vanderHeyden, Jennie Cernosia, director of student activities said. The college held a similar event honoring Rathgeb two years ago. A committee, composed of Cernosia, Harrigan, senior Julie Glavin, Director of Health Services Susan Jacques and the Cancer Uncovered by Research

and Education (CURE) House, is planning the event.

CURE House member and senior Becca Martin said Rathgeb and the theme house shared a common goal.

"Our house relates well to what Joanne Rathgeb did. We all want awareness," she said.

Don Rathgeb, a retired St. Michael's professor and department head, commented on the legacy his wife left behind.

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Photo courtesy of SMC Public Relations
Joanne Rathgeb, a former drama professor at St. Michael's.

St. Michael's College security log

Excerpts from the Oct. 16, through Oct. 22, 1998 security report. Compiled by the Security Office.

Friday, Oct. 16

8:25 p.m. Towed vehicle from the Founders Hall parking lot.

8:30 p.m. Took report of stolen TV and VCR from the Vermont Room.

2:43 a.m. Winooski Police Department advised that they had two intoxicated students in possession of stolen signs.

3:39 a.m. Dispatched fight near the tennis courts. Persons disappeared upon Security officer arrival. Two non-students trespassed.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

10:27 p.m. Towed vehicle from the Founders Hall parking lot.

11:30 p.m. Unlocked TH 318 for student.

11:30 p.m. Center post of Joyce Hall 1st north exterior doors vandalized, screws removed. Repaired will be in morning.

Saturday, Oct. 17

12:31 a.m. Two male students attempting to vandalize and remove items from DWI awareness vehicle parked in Rotunda.

11:07 p.m. Fire alarm Joyce Hall.

4:45 p.m. Found brick thrown through boiler room window.

Monday, Oct. 19

7 a.m. Issued trespass notice to a non-St. Michael's person for picking bottles in the Founders area.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

No notable activity.

Sunday, Oct. 18

12:23 p.m. Intoxicated student sent to Act I.

11:52 p.m. Hamel Hall SA reported 3 juveniles setting off fire-crackers behind building.

Thursday, Oct. 22

4:14 a.m. Theft of hubcaps from 11 vehicles.

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Campus Scene

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Princeton to ban sweatshop-made apparel

By Griff Witte
(Princeton U.)

PRINCETON, N.J. (U-WIRE)—University administrators took an initial step toward establishing a code of conduct policy that would attempt to ensure university apparel is not made with sweatshop labor.

Though the university presently has no such policy, Vice President for Public Affairs Bob Durkee said there could be something in place by the end of the calendar year that would apply to all Ivy League schools.

"We're really pushing hard to come up with some kind of league-wide initiative," Durkee said.

The university is also working on a national level with the American Collegiate Licensing Association to establish a uniform code by which manufacturers would have to commit to not

use sweatshop labor before they could be licensed to produce clothes bearing college logos.

"We believe that this is an area where collective action is likely to be what's most effective," Durkee said.

"We'll continue to combine our efforts to develop some kind of national code."

Though Durkee said the particulars of the policy have not yet been worked out, codes that have already been passed at universities such as Duke and Brown will be considered when the university establishes its own standards, he said.

The details of the policy will ultimately be left up to Princeton President Shapir who will be the one to approve Princeton's role in any Ivy League action and to the U-Council, which will be responsible for deciding which other avenues the university pursues.

Students who have been lobbying for a code of conduct policy to be established said that they were encouraged by the administrators' apparent commitment to such a policy.

However, they cautioned that there is a lot that remains undecided.

"We're really glad that they're moving ahead so quickly," said David Tannenbaum, a member of Students for Progressive Education and Action (SPEAC).

"But we also hope that Princeton will be a leader in this. We want to be the ones setting the agenda and setting the bar as high as possible so that this can be an effective code."

Tannenbaum said he hopes that the University, even though it is acting with other schools, will have enough flexibility to ensure it has a strong code regardless of other schools' deci-

sions.

Junior Arun Ivatury, a fellow SPEAC member, said he, too, is pushing for Princeton to adopt a rigid policy that will make few concessions to the manufacturers.

"The test will be to see how resolved the University will be in the face of industry pressure," he said.

In addition to any action the University might take, U-Store President Jim Sykes said the co-op will be pursuing its own policy on sweatshop labor.

At the next U-Store Board of Trustees meeting, Sykes will propose a code of conduct policy that would apply to all of the companies with which it does business, and not just those that produce University apparel.

"We want to have some kind of policy that addresses all of our vendors," Sykes said.

Michigan U. examines windows in wake of deadly fall

By Michael Grass
(Michigan U.)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — In the wake of a tragic death less than two weeks ago, a University Housing inspection revealed that 97 window stops in Mary Markley Residence Hall were malfunctioning.

But the exact number of broken windows could not be pinpointed since each window has two stops - one or both stops could have been broken, university spokesperson Julie Peterson said.

Housing inspectors examined windows in all rooms and stairwells, numbering 620 windows. Peterson said the inspec-

tors fixed all broken windows on the spot.

"We estimate that less than 10 percent [of windows] were affected," Peterson said.

The death of Courtney Cantor, who died of spinal and cranial fractures after falling from her sixth floor Markley window Oct. 16, spurred the inspection.

In a notice to Markley residents Housing officials said Cantor's window and window screen met safety specifications.

"Ensuring the safety of housing facilities is always of paramount concern, so [Housing is] taking this step to conduct the window inspection," Housing officials wrote in the notice.

In each room, the window casing consists of six glazed glass panels. The bottom center casing, hinged at the top, can be pushed out 12 inches, where the window locks.

The windows, installed in 1993, allow enough room for a person to climb out in the event of an emergency, said Alan Levy, director of housing public affairs, in an interview last week.

In some cases, broken windows at Markley can be pushed out two feet.

Cantor's death is still under investigation by the Department of Safety, Peterson said. One theory is that Cantor fell off her loft ladder and out the open window, DPS spokesperson Beth Hall said

at a press conference Oct. 16.

Bader Cassin, Washtenaw County's chief medical examiner, said last week that he believes Cantor was leaning out the window and possibly fell head first.

Cantor, a Chi Omega sorority pledge who had been drinking at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity Oct. 15, had a blood alcohol level of 0.059. In Michigan a blood alcohol level of 0.08 is considered impaired for driving; 0.10 is considered drunk.

Since Cantor's death is still under investigation, the role of alcohol has not been determined. Levy said that he did not know of any previous incidents involving a person falling out of a Markley window.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- On this day in 1845, first nationally observed uniform election day in U.S.
- On this day in 1953, premiere of "How to Marry a Millionaire," starring Marilyn Monroe.
- On this day in 1972, the Kings scored three goals within 45 seconds against the Islanders.
- On this day in 1974, the "Greatest Hits" album by Elton John was released.

(courtesy of www.geocities.com)

'Network storm' knocks out server

St. Michael's system down more frequently than others

By Tim Donehower
Online Editor

Last Thursday and Friday marked the first time since Route 96, the network overhaul finished in the fall of 1996, that the entire St. Michael's College computer network was down.

It was a problem with the fiber optics backbone and is referred to as a "network storm." It first hit the hub (a traffic control device for computer communications) in Hodson Hall and then traveled to the two main network hubs that connect all of the servers together, which shut down the whole network, according to Denis Stratford the director of Information Technology.

Over the last 15 months the college has increased the number of servers from six to more than 20, Stratford said. This was done so that different programs, such as Microsoft Exchange, could have its own server which in turn isolates problems to only one server at a time, he said. This means that if there was a problem with Microsoft Exchange, it would only effect one server and the rest of the network capabilities would still be accessible. All of the servers, fiber optics and network hubs together make up what is called the network.

Previous problems have only

been with certain servers or in particular buildings; this recent problem effected the entire network.

When *The Defender* tried to obtain server failure records from St. Michael's, Stratford said that no such records were kept.

The cause of the network storm is unknown and will most likely remain that way. "Our first priority is to get the network back up and sometimes the trail of the problem is cleared while we're fixing it," Stratford says.

Stratford said that there are over 10,000 different points of failure that could have caused the storm. The possibilities range from a minuscule problem with one of the 4,000 wall hookups on campus to a more severe problem with one of the 600 components in over 100 network hubs on campus.

There was off-campus construction in the area and though there were no cuts in the wires, Stratford said just the weight of the machinery can pinch the wires enough to cause problems.

"We had people working around the clock to solve the problem," Stratford says.

Even though this most recent incident was the first of its kind, there have been numerous server problems over the last two years.

Many other New England

colleges claim they haven't had many system problems.

Officials from the University of Vermont said that the only time their entire system went down was last year during the ice storm. Other than that time, their system has not been down for more than a few hours total, such as when they have to reset the clocks for daylight savings time. UVM also emails students right away with answers to why and when the system went down.

Champlain College's Jennifer McLane said their system has never been down for more than 24 hours and that they don't email students about the problem because they have too many.

Randy Titchner from Boston College said that their system has never been down for more than an hour and that they communicate via various media to their students as to why and when the problem happened.

"The term day, strikes fear in my heart," said Bill Sammis of the University of New Hampshire. He said that their system has never crashed all at once and never over the entire campus. They post information about any problems on their Help Desk web page.

Without official records, the exact number of problems at each school is unknown.

Admissions officials, minority students emphasize diversity

By Brendan Ahern
Online Editor

Affirmative action and race-based admissions are concepts that have recently come under intense scrutiny at colleges and universities across the country.

The practice of accepting for admission or awarding scholarships to institutions of higher learning based on a student's ethnic background has become a contentious issue that some campus administrators are reluctant to discuss.

"It's very difficult to make a rational comment on this subject," Dorothy Williams, director of Multicultural Affairs, said. "This is because affirmative action is a subject that most blacks and whites will never agree on."

Still, many students and faculty members at St. Michael's hold strong opinions in favor of race-based admission policies and are not averse to sharing them.

Lavar Williams, a senior, said policies that give minority students a chance to excel in school greatly increase their marketability. He added, however, that they often don't focus enough on the segments of society in which the need for education is most severe.

"I would say (race-based admission) does increase the earning power of minorities," he said. "The problem is that it only helps middle-class blacks. What happens to the poor people? It helps the circle but it is not catching everybody."

St. Michael's admissions officials say bringing a diverse

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• Luis Navarro,
president of Alianza

mix of students to St. Michael's is an important goal of the selection process.

"Yes, it is a priority here," Admissions Officer Jerry Flanagan said. "We struggle with it and it doesn't appear to be (a priority), by the looks of campus. We have a brochure dedicated to diversity. We hope that we are showing people that we are dedicated to the subject of diversity."

Kyle Dodson, director of peer tutoring at St. Michael's, said diversity has to be more than just a buzz word for campus administrators.

"Saying that diversity is a good thing is great," Dodson said. "But you have to be willing to follow through with it. If you believe in diversity, you have to do something about it; you can't say that you believe in something and then not do anything."

St. Michael's students also contribute to efforts to create a more diverse campus by participating in racial awareness groups.

Luis Navarro is president of Alianza, a group that concentrates on Hispanic awareness.

"By St. Michael's offering scholarships, it is giving students the chance to excel that they might not have," he said. "They offer scholarships to those who they think would do well. Most minority students who come here do well in class and do positive things around the campus."

One of the questions raised by campus programs is how building diversity helps a campus such as St. Michael's.

Some people on campus say to make St. Michael's more diverse, the school must reach out to students occupying different places in society.

"It would increase the minority numbers here if they (St. Michael's) went to a lot of inner-city schools," Lavar Williams said.

"They tend to go to prep schools and that is why you tend to see the same breed around here," he said.

"If they (went to inner-city schools), they would be giving more minorities a chance to excel in school and attain a higher education."

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'00 computer problem could cause chaos at turn of century

Unless fixed, programming gaff will send the world spinning back to the 19th century

By Alethea Renzi
Staff Writer

If you've ever wanted to travel back in time, say a hundred years or so, you may have the opportunity Jan. 1, 2000.

Unless a computer bug is squashed before then, the world's information systems will spin back to the 19th century, leaving everyone from partygoers to pilots without a light to go by.

The year 2000 computer problem (Y2K) has been known for years, but many analysts are just now starting to worry that the problem won't be fixed in time for a Happy New Year come January 1, 2000.

The problem stems from computer dating systems, which are programmed to read the last two digits of the date. Most computers will read '00 and adjust to 1900, not 2000.

A study conducted recently by analysts at the Gartner Group, an information technology research firm, showed 80 percent to 90 percent of IBM compatible machines had the wrong date after performing a test to determine whether the computers were vulnerable to the problem.

St. Michael's Director of Information Technology Denis

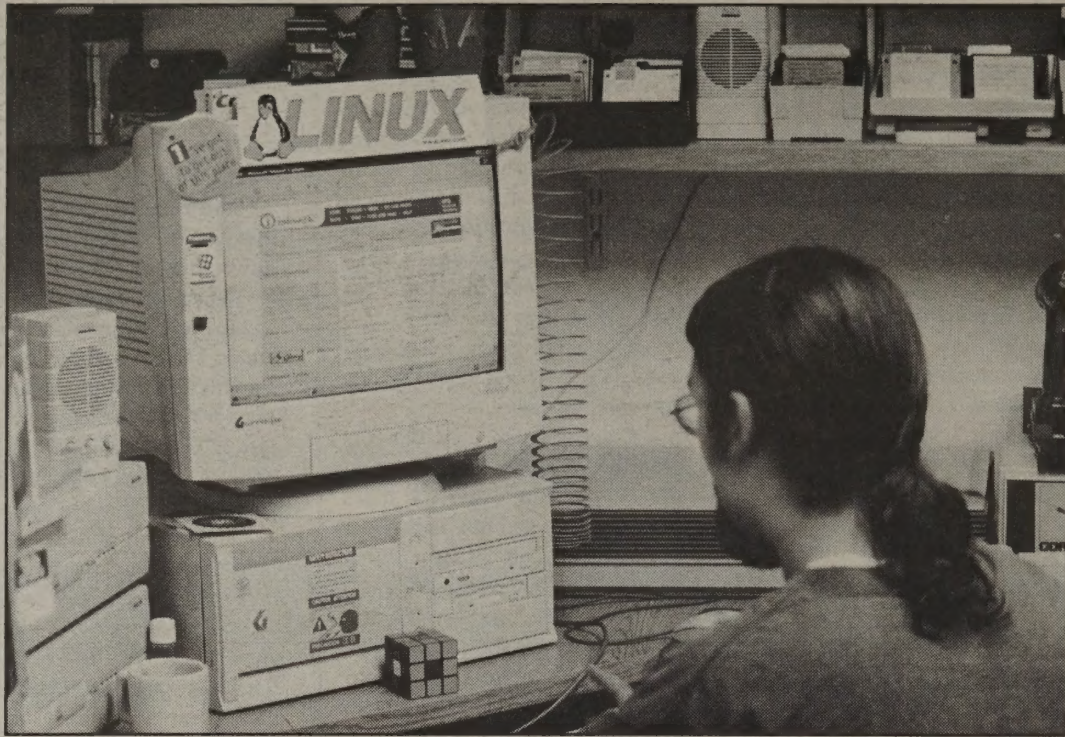


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Though Matt Allen's computer is in good shape today, it may be among the millions of PCs affected by Y2K.

Stratford said he is in the process of contacting St. Michael's hardware and software vendors regarding the status of the college's equipment. "I feel St. Michael's will be ready," he said.

He pointed out, however, that the problem is not limited to computers. "Anything with a microprocessor will be affected," he said. "Our telephone system,

cable TV system, science labs, certain Marriott machines, radio alarm clocks, the cars and trucks we drive will all be affected."

Junior computer science major Patrick Perry said Y2K is already affecting society, citing examples of computers interpreting dates like 2002 as though they meant 1902, causing confusion as to whether the date had

already passed.

Although computer experts detected the problem in the '80s, nothing was done about it because most analysts believed computer technology would be completely different by 2000. Further, programmers had no incentive to fix the problem because it's cheaper to use the last two numbers of the year

when programming computers.

Despite the immediacy of the problem, junior Geoffrey Grayson said he doesn't think about it too much.

"I'm not worried because Bill Gates is going to come up with some super program and charge an arm and a leg," he said.

Stratford said confidence in the world's computer experts can only go so far.

He said some major airlines have already canceled all their flights for the new year because of the instability of air traffic control computers.

Further, courts are gearing up for legal battles that would occur as a result of Y2K issues in the beginning of 2000. If the problem is not fixed, legal bills are estimated at more than \$1 trillion.

The federal government has also taken measures to protect companies from lawsuits. The U.S. Senate passed a bill in late September that protects companies from potential lawsuits if the remedies they suggest for the problem do not work.

The federal government has also set aside a portion of a \$17 million emergency fund to prepare the government's computers for the next century.

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Killing of gay student in Wyoming causes students, faculty to reflect on St. Michael's attitudes toward homosexuals

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The senior said he does not condone hate crimes. In fact, he said he views them as morally wrong. He also said it would not affect his friendship with a person who was homosexual.

"I just don't think it is natural," he said.

Dave Landers, director of the student resource center, said homosexuality is not something to be "cured." "Our profession dictates it is unethical to try to change someone's sexual orientation," he said.

Landers also said people do not understand the views of Catholicism. "A lot of people don't know Catholic teaching," he said. The Catholic Church is against sex outside marriage; even in marriage, he said, sex is only for procreation. Under that interpretation, heterosexual sex is also a sin, unless it occurs within a marriage to conceive a child.

Rev. Marcel Rainville, director of campus ministry, said that since Vatican II, the church has not required that sex be limited to procreation. The church now supports natural family planning, which relies on a women's natural menstrual cycle to prevent pregnancy. "The church is not against birth control, it is against contraception," he said.

Rainville said the same teachings apply to homosexuals and heterosexuals. "The church does not condone illicit homosexual acts just as it doesn't condone illicit heterosexual acts," he said.

He said the church has historically taken an "uncharitable" stance toward homosexuals.

Rainville said it is not up to

individuals to determine whether homosexuality is sinful. "Who the hell am I to judge? It says right in Scriptures that only God can judge," he said.

Rainville said he does not agree with far-right Christians who speak out against homosexuals. "Sometimes we are embarrassed to be Christian because of their attitudes."

"You really have to stretch it" to find Biblical passages against homosexuality, Rainville said.

Still, Hollingdale said she knows a lot of people who don't think a Catholic college should support a gay and lesbian rights organization such as ALLY. "I know a lot of people who don't think we should be doing this," she said. "If anything, I think we should be doing it because we are a Catholic school."

Krieger said her Catholic background has made it difficult to be open about her sexuality. She said she still hasn't told her parents that she is lesbian. "My parents think that homosexuality is sinful," she said.

Krieger said she first came out about her homosexuality to a group of people last January on a LEAP retreat weekend. "My mission is to be the person that God made me."

In addition to some people's contention that religion outlaws homosexuality, there has also been debate recently over whether the legal system discriminates against homosexuals.

Fine Arts Professor Peter Harrigan is currently suing Vermont for the right to marry his partner, Stan Baker. Harrigan and Baker filed their suit on July 22, 1997. In mid-November, the Vermont Supreme Court will



Photo by Danielle Bergeron

Professor Marta Umanzor (right) looked over a banner signed by hundreds of students and faculty at a vigil held after Matthew Shepard was beaten to death in an alleged hate crime.

hear oral arguments for the case. Once the arguments have ended, the court will render a decision.

The Supreme Court may also decide to bump the case down to a lower court if it feels a particular aspect of the case needs to be heard. This would keep the lawsuit alive but it would also give the state more time to prepare a defense. Ultimately, however, the case will be decided by the State Supreme Court.

Harrigan said he finds a great deal of support in the Catholic mission of the College. "This has meant that people are more open-minded, tolerant -- truly supportive of diversity and the Catholic values of social justice and equality," he said.

Harrigan graduated from St. Michael's in 1983. He remembers a visit to the Student Resource Center as a freshman in October of 1979.

"When I mentioned that I thought I might be gay, she laughed and said, 'Why would you want to think something like that?,' and then changed the subject," he recalled.

Harrigan said a lot has changed in the last 19 years. "I was personally touched when

my partner was mentioned in a Founder's Hall article published after I received tenure," he said. Harrigan also noted that Baker's name was included on an invitation to the president's house.

Hollingdale also said attitudes toward homosexuals have changed since she first came to St. Michael's in 1980. "You won't hear much about it," she said.

In the late '80s the tone moved toward awareness and education. In recent years, though, Hollingdale said she has felt a backlash. "The more people speak for what they believe in, the more resistance we see," she said.

Educating people remains the best way to change attitudes about homosexuality. "The more we speak up, the better," she said.

Krieger said educating students is one of the hardest parts of working in ALLY. "We have a lot of information in the ALLY library, but getting it out to people is tough," she said. The ALLY library is in the Student Resource Center.

"A lot of homophobia is just that, a phobia," she said. "A phobia is just a fear. A lot of it isn't logical."

Landers said homosexual students have provided the main push for education on campus.

Landers also said he feels the campus is accepting of homosexual rights. He added, however, that acceptance is not the appropriate response. "Do you accept that a person has a physical disability?" he asked. "Then why say you accept a person is homosexual?"

"People must not just accept diversity, they must respect and honor diversity," Landers continued. "Do we say that our campus is enriched by having a great diversity?"

Landers also said that attitudes toward homosexuals have improved since he first came to the college. The first gay and lesbian support group was established on campus in 1983. "It's been an issue that has been addressed on campus, but not necessarily supported," he said. "We have made a lot of progress and have a lot of progress to go."

This year's freshmen orientation included a skit to present the issue of homophobia on campus to the class of '03. It was a skit suggested and performed by the student orientation leaders.

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Mid-morning scheduling crunch leaves students with tough choices

By Maria Delano
Staff Writer

Pre-registration for the spring semester has come and gone, but not without inflicting an especially severe brand of the confusion that comes each semester with trying to fit all the necessary classes into one's schedule at convenient times.

Next semester, more than 40 classes were scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, leaving students with tough choices to make about what courses to take next semester.

"I had more of a problem scheduling my classes for next semester than I've ever had before," sophomore Stacy Carmon said. "It was really inconvenient because I wanted to take an Italian class that is scheduled for that time slot but couldn't because that's also when one of the courses required for my major is scheduled, too. So now I end up having an 8:30 a.m. class again next semester."

Registrar John Sheehy said the 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. time slot has been a problem since 1992, when the college began offering four-credit courses. Before 1992, all courses were three credits so each class lasted 50 minutes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, allowing for eight different class times. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, classes were 75 minutes long, allowing for five different class times.

Now that four-credit courses are offered, the amount of time allowed for each course has to be lengthened to fit a four-credit course, which means the number

of possible class times decreases from 13 to 10 per week.

Sheehy said the problem with Tuesdays and Thursdays is that there are only four available times for classes: early morning, mid-morning, mid-afternoon and late afternoon. Generally, he said, early morning and late afternoon slots are not popular among students and faculty, which creates a logjam at the mid-morning and mid-afternoon slots.

Sheehy added that the problem focuses on the 10 a.m. slot because the 1 p.m. slot can only accommodate three-credit courses.

Professors who prefer the Tuesday-Thursday schedule say longer time in class makes it easier to cover course material thoroughly.

Sophomore Marisa Watroba said she had trouble working her schedule around the 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. time slot.

"It was hard for me to come up with a schedule that could work for next semester because it seems like there are so many classes scheduled either at that specific time or just on Tuesdays and Thursdays that I wanted to take," she said.

There has also been an increase in the number of classes offered on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sheehy said he doesn't think the problem is due to students and teachers wanting to

have Fridays free. "Some teachers feel for what they're teaching, the best way to do it is to meet for longer periods of time less often," he said.

English professor Elizabeth Inness-Brown said she prefers twice-a-week classes because she can fit more writing activities in the longer class periods than she can in the 50-minute classes. She also said more time between classes means she can give more detailed assignments.

"If a class meets twice a week, that means you have four days between class meetings at least once a week, which enables you to assign work that takes more time to accomplish," she said.

History professor Frank Nicosia said he doesn't like a 50-minute time limit because it's difficult to get everything done.

"The 50 minute period is too short," he said. "Most films are longer than 50 minutes, and 50 minutes is not enough time to have a good mix of lecture and discussion," he said. Nicosia, who is not scheduled to teach any Friday classes next semester, said he doesn't object to Friday classes, but the current twice-a-week schedule doesn't incorporate Fridays into it. He suggested changing the twice-a-week schedule to include Fridays.

Nicosia added that a Friday without classes doesn't mean a Friday without work.

"It is not a day off," he said.

"It is a day when I can work on my research and writing, take care of committee business, do readings and other preparation work for classes at home, or travel to a nearby research library."

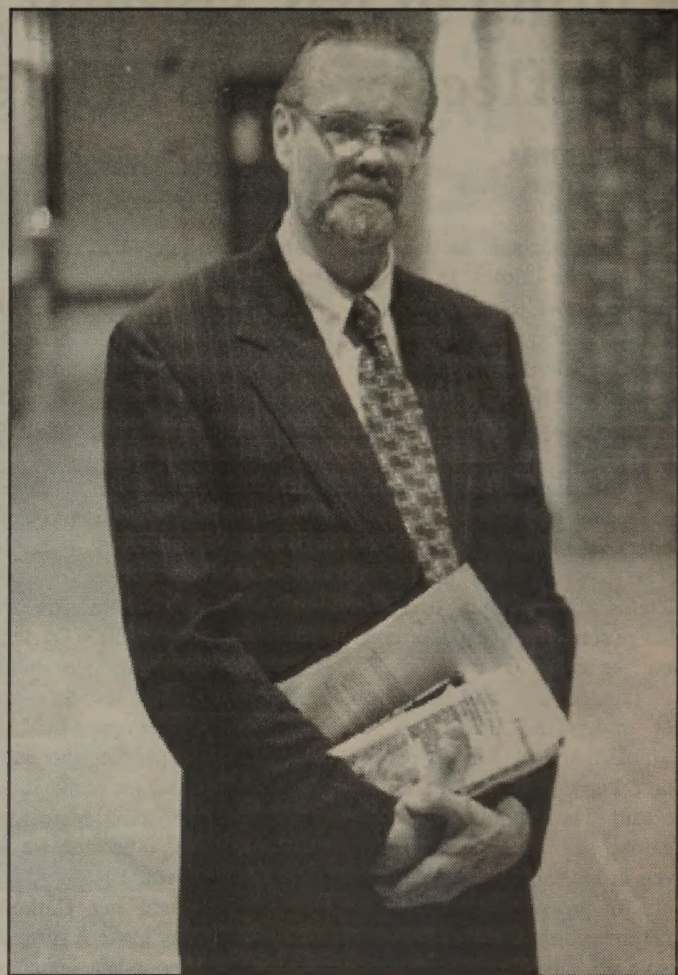


Photo by Tim Wagner

Workers' rights activist Charles Kernaghan spoke at St. Michael's three weeks ago. His address provided inspiration for a resolution that would ban products from companies that use sweatshop labor.

Political Science club pushes for activism against sweatshop labor

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He said the difficulty the bookstore is facing comes from large companies, such as Bic, Papermate, and Champion, whose goods are purchased from a distributor. "We're doing our best," McMahon said. "We don't want to support the problem."

The Political Science Club's efforts to pass the resolution come two weeks after worker's rights activist Charles Kernaghan spoke at St. Michael's. Kernaghan, executive director of the National Labor Committee in Support of Worker and Human rights, commended the college for its "awareness and commitment to social justice."

St. Michael's was the first college or university to formally support a resolution against the death penalty.

Olsen said the visit from Kernaghan provided inspiration and momentum to the students' movement against sweatshop labor.

"Companies don't want young people to ask serious questions," Kernaghan told the students, encouraging them to pressure companies using sweatshop labor.

Olsen began last February to arrange for Kernaghan to speak on campus. At the same time, Olsen was discussing the "no sweat pledge" with McMahon and the political science club.

According to Political Science Club President Kim Carvalho, 40 colleges across the nation have adopted similar sweatshop-free contracts. She said that if several colleges, even those as small as St. Michael's, question companies, it can be used as a "scare tactic" to push the companies into compliance with basic regulations.

Kim Mioshi from Global Exchange, a worker's rights action group, helped Olsen, Carvalho and McMahon prepare a draft of the resolution and discussed with them what it might mean to the campus.

Carvalho, Peace and Justice president Matt DeSorgher and Olsen are expecting positive results from the SA's upcoming vote. DeSorgher said, "I want everyone to have a chance to think about it," but, he added, "I hope it does come to a vote next week."

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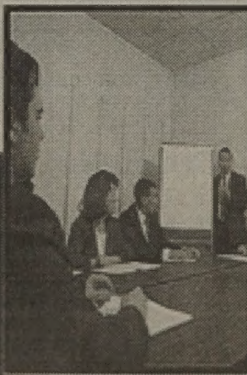
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News Analysis

Non-issue election spurs spending on negative campaign commercials

By Sean Toussaint
Staff Writer

Billed as a referendum on the impeachment proceedings facing President Clinton, and characterized by a number of hotly contested campaigns focused on everything but the issues, election '98 has brought forth a number of political extremes -- not least among them a startling barrage of negative campaign advertising and unprecedented spending to go along with it.

Four years after Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich shook hands in a small New Hampshire town on a pledge to reform campaign spending laws, this year's election race is likely to have topped the 1996 record of \$1.6 billion, not including spending on that year's presidential race.

Even though recent reports have shown that Republicans were outspending Democrats by a margin of 3 to 1, both parties are responsible for the growing emphasis on fundraising.

House members, without identifying themselves, have repeatedly said Gingrich has asserted that chairmanships of House Committees are directly linked to the amount of money candidates can bring in to the Republican war chest.

According to his staff, Gingrich himself helped raise more than \$70 million dollars for the GOP. He has made fundraising trips to every state except Hawaii.

Clinton also put ample time in on the campaign trail. He attended more than 100 fundraising events from Los Angeles to New York City, which helped raise more than \$55 million.

Despite Gingrich's waning

popularity, Clinton's sex scandal and a deepening Justice Department investigation into fundraising abuses in '96, both politicians were able to get the job done when it came to beefing up their parties' pocketbooks.

So what was all the money used for? Two words: negative advertising.

This year's election also may have set records for the number of attack ads, even though voters seem to be turned off by them.

"I disagree with all the negativity," Matthew Feldman, 65, a Maryland Democrat said in an interview with *The New York Times* last week.

"It has turned me off to a degree. I wish it focused on what individuals can and will do, not just knocking down the other person. There is a lot of money being wasted on all campaigns."

Heading into the last week of campaigning, Election '98 was expected to bring new records in campaign spending and negative advertising.

Most negative ads focused on candidates' character.

Take New York's Senate race between Republican incumbent Al D'Amato and Democratic challenger, Chuck Schumer.

The two candidates sparred repeatedly over the airwaves in a race that quickly became one of the hottest campaign battles of the year.

An Oct. 25 Times/CBS poll revealed the race was a dead heat, with both candidates pro-

jected to have 44 percent of the votes. Ten percent of the voters were still undecided.

D'Amato literally began his attack ads the night Schumer won the Democratic Primary.

The ads focused on Schumer's voting record in Washington and asserted that he is not a hard worker. Schumer did his share of mudslinging, as well. He ran a series of ads ending with the statement, "Al D'Amato: too many lies for too long."

Professor Patricia Siplon, who teaches Political Parties and Interest Groups, said voters usually tune out negative advertisement. However, she added, it's important to differentiate between an attack on someone's character and an attack on someone's political record.

"Talking about issues in a negative way is different from attacking someone on personal issues," she said. "Especially if you're a challenger; what other choice do you have other than pointing out what the incumbent is or isn't doing?"

Siplon said, however, that attack ads could have proved useful in getting more people to vote.

Republicans last week made the controversial decision to seize on the Lewinsky affair. The Republican National Committee launched a \$10 million ad campaign focused on turning a Democratic scandal into Republican votes.

The nationwide broadcasts consisted of three television commercials, one of which asked viewers whether Clinton should be rewarded for not telling the truth... "vote Republican."

The ads were aired in districts where Republicans thought they would have the most effect. For example, three Southern districts were chosen because Republican polling found that Clinton is particularly unpopular there.

At a get-out-and-vote rally last week in Louisville, Ky., Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., a Democrat from Delaware, accused Republicans of trying to discourage people to vote.

"They're running a negative campaign because the more negative, the more visceral the campaign, the more people turn off, especially women," Biden said in an interview with *The New York Times*.

Many analysts predicted in the weeks before the election that voter turnout would continue to plummet.

The main reason for the drop, Mark Mellamn, a Democratic pollster, said in an interview with *The New York Times*, is because "this is not an issue election, not a referendum on Clinton, the economy or anything else."

The Week In Review

Glenn goes back to space

John Glenn returned to orbit Oct. 29 in an encore performance. Glenn was widely recognized as a living symbol of the United States' strength and superiority -- the first American to orbit the earth.

More than 250,000 people turned out at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. to watch the liftoff, which came at 2:19 p.m. after two delays had adequately built up the moment.

Glenn, 77, enjoyed a much easier trip to space this time around. In 1962, he traveled alone for more than five hours in a cramped capsule. The current trip is expected to last nine days.

U.S. Special Forces officer charged as part of Middle East terrorist ring

American Special Forces Sergeant Ali Mohamed is suspected of aiding Saudi exile Osama bin Laden in waging a war of terror against the United States.

According to *The New York Times*, Mohamed, 46, served for three years at a Special Forces base in Fort Bragg, N.C. before being honorably discharged from the service in 1989. Upon his discharge, he began providing military training to members of the terrorist group later charged with planning to bomb several landmarks in New York City, the *Times* reported.

High Courts in Spain and England disagree over status of former Chilean dictator

A panel of 11 Spanish judges ruled Oct. 30 that Spain had the legal right to file charges and request extradition of Chile's former dictator, Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

The ruling conflicts with the finding of the High Court in England, which said last Wednesday that Pinochet is immune to arrest because his actions took place while he was a head of state.

Pinochet, 82, was arrested Oct. 16 in London, where he was recovering from emergency back surgery. He is being held in a London hospital pending the outcome of an appeal to the House of Lords.

Iraq renews challenge to U.N. arms monitoring

Returning to its defiant stance against the West, Iraq said Saturday it is ending all long-term weapons monitoring operations immediately.

There are more than 100 inspectors and scientific experts in Iraq trying to act on agreement reached last winter between the U.N. and Baghdad that was supposed to allow unconditional access to suspected weapons sites. Iraqi officials stopped short of ordering the inspectors out of the country but said they would no longer have access to any monitoring sites.

The security council reacted harshly to Iraq's move, calling it a "flagrant violation" of agreements that narrowly averted a military showdown last February. The council said in its statement that Iraq must resume cooperation immediately.

Brazil announces austerity package

The Brazilian government last week introduced an \$80 billion plan of spending cuts and tax increases to restore the country's ailing reputation among foreign investors and clear the way for a bailout package being assembled by the International Monetary Fund.

Despite the government's efforts, much doubt remains that the austerity plan will remain enforceable in the face of strong public disapproval. United States officials are worried that further decline of the Brazilian economy will lead to currency devaluations across Latin America.

Investors reacted to the government's announcement late last week with caution, saying the proposed measures are a start but fall well short of what is needed to reduce the country's vast budget deficit, now running at 7 percent of the gross national product.

NATO pulls back threat against Serbia

NATO officials withdrew their threat against Serbia last week after Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic pulled enough troops out of Kosovo to satisfy the international community's demand that he end his offensive against the Kosovo Liberation Army.

The officials, however, expressed continued concern over the situation in Kosovo and reserved the right to bomb Serbian targets if Milosevic's withdrawal does not end Serbian attacks against ethnic Albanian rebels.

As usual, Milosevic waited until the last minute to comply with western demands. Only when the international community began to bare down early last week did he call for a substantial police and troop withdrawal.

- By Casey Ross, News Editor

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Editorial...

Proposed sweatshop labor ban won't affect change on campus

The Political Science Club is trying to pass a resolution through the Student Association that would prevent the Bookstore from buying products from companies that run sweatshops. Some of these companies employ Colombian teenagers who work up to 11 hours a day and Haitian workers who are paid less than \$2.40 a day.

Maybe I'm insensitive, but I don't see what this will accomplish.

Now, before you rush to call The Defender lab, hear me out. I don't mean it's all right for six-year olds to be gluing the soles onto Air Jordan's all day long in 120-degree heat. (Kids should have to be at least eight, and 14 hours a day is probably long enough....)

OK, OK, so obviously there's no question that sweatshop labor is inhumane. It's wrong. It contradicts all of our social values and ethics. Nobody would disagree with that. But passing a resolution about the Bookstore - which looks great on your resume and gives the appearance that you're politically active and interested in affecting change — won't have any impact on student attitudes or behavior.

Peace and Justice, the Political Science Club and the other groups involved in trying to pass this are taking a stand against a cruel practice. I applaud them for being involved enough in the world around them to acknowledge this problem and want to take some action against it.

But it won't work.

Look around campus. Brands like Nike and the Gap are in abundance. Restricting the bookstore's purchasing policies won't affect the products students buy. It won't cause them to stop and think whether the clothes they wear were made by a child working for low wages in horrible conditions. They'll hang on to their Adidas and they'll shop at Walmart — and that won't change, no matter how many resolutions are passed through the SA. The college can choose to take a stand as an institution, but if individual students don't respond, what good has it done? What's the point? The real point of this kind of resolution would be to take a stand, as a college community, against sweatshop labor. We need to prove to manufacturing companies that we feel so strongly that this policy is wrong, that we cannot buy their products because of it.

The real point of this kind of resolution is to express in words what we are willing to live out in action.

I don't doubt that members of the SA, Peace and Justice, the Political Science Club and other groups will work hard to get this resolution passed. They must truly believe in their cause, and it shows their dedication that they're trying to try to educate students about it.

But many of the students who were eager last week to pass the resolution are not as well informed. As at least one student in the audience pointed out, many SA members were willing to endorse something they know very little about. And while it's a good thing if the pens and paper we are buying are no longer made in sweatshops, what good does it do to put on your Nikes, get in your General Motors car (Made in Mexico), and go to Walmart and buy them there anyway.

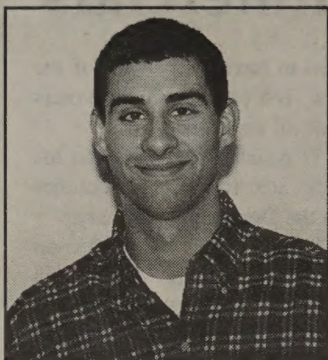
-By C. J. Lampman
Sports Editor

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As staff members and as students, we welcome reader contributions and constructive criticism.

Student Association campus update



By Steve Sabetta,
S.A. Vice President
Guest Columnist

Having wrapped up October with such events as the "Why Me?" campaign, Friday Night Dry, and the always popular Halloween dance, we find ourselves entering November. What's coming up, you may ask? Below are a few things you will see around campus:

The Student Association is putting on a M.O.V.E. appreciation dinner in November in Alliot. It's open to all, and for those of you not on meal plans, we'll pick up the tab! Come and help celebrate M.O.V.E.'s 10th anniversary!

Secretary of Operations Ted Brady is working on trying to do a punch card system with Morf Transit. In addition, he is working on ways to make the campus

more aesthetically pleasing, such as finding a better place for all of those unsightly dumpsters.

From the Programming desk, there will be Coffeehouses held weekly. The Van-to-Nowhere is up and running. For those of you looking for a FREE ride into Burlington on Friday and Saturday nights, wait outside Alliot and it will arrive eventually to take you wherever you want to go.

Special Events is looking into a Swing dance in early December, and as for a spring concert, stay tuned!

Last, Athletics is helping support sport teams in their activities; come, cheer your favorite team on, and maybe there will be some munchies for you to enjoy. Check the Athletics board in Alliot for more information.

M.O.V.E. is holding a sock and mitten drive this month for the needy. If you have any extra clothing around, donate it and help cover 10 fingers and 10 toes!

The Political Science club is trying to pass a motion in the Senate regarding sweatshop labor. In summary, it proposes that the Student Association ban all apparel, sold by the College, that has been produced with laborers who make less than a

living wage (sometimes less than \$1 a day). This is a major proposal, so either consult your hall or area representative or email studentassociation@smcvt.edu with your position. Let your voice be heard!

Last, *The Defender* won an award for publishing the best weekly student newspaper in New England. The award was given out at Northeastern University on Saturday by the New England Newspaper Association.

Of course, there's so much more going on than in this brief little update. Dorms, halls, and areas are always in the process of planning events and clubs bringing people and speakers to campus.

Note: for up to the minute news about your campus, visit the public folders and/or the SA web page.

Editor's Note:

The Defender is still accepting columns from campus clubs wishing to publicize information about their organization. If interested, email the newspaper at defender@smcvt.edu or call x. 2421. Columns can be up to two double-spaced pages, due on Saturday by noon.

Letter to the Editor...

Student concerned about parking

To the Editor:

I know it's been brought up in the past, but I'm still concerned with the issue of parking. The other day I came out of my 10 a.m. class to find out that my car was missing. Not knowing at all what happened to it, I decided to call security and tell them it was missing. They proceeded to tell me that it was towed.

I parked in Founders in what I thought was a legal spot. Come to find out all of Founders is illegal to park in during the daytime. I unfortunately had to find out the hard way by paying \$50 to get my car back from the salvage yard.

If that's not enough, after pleading my case to Security, they proceed to tell me that I also have to pay my \$15 parking ticket on top of that. I've had my car here for two years and Security is so naive to think that everyone with a car here carries around the parking diagram everywhere they go. I parked in a spot with no signs around it. I've parked there every Tuesday and Thursday

at 10 because my first class is on North Campus.

Founders isn't the first place I look for parking either. I routinely check every lot available, and routinely come up empty handed. I was unaware of Founders being illegal to park in until that day. I want to know that how come in the passed I've never gotten a ticket at Founders but the first time that I get a ticket at Founders, I get towed? The nice people in Security also told me that the sign, I quote the "only sign" that tells you that you can't park there is on the brick wall 10 feet from the road, right when you pull in.

I want to ask everyone out there, if they even know there's a sign there, because no one I talked to ever saw one. Even if you did know there was a sign there, you have virtually a split second to read the lines "Parking is reserved for faculty and staff between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30p.m. on weekdays. You would then think Security has somewhat of heart to understand

where I was coming from, but their response was, "Why not use the 'loser cruiser' (the bus) to go to North Campus for class and come back." I told them that that doesn't solve the problem. The reason I bought a car and brought it up here was so I didn't have the problem of taking the bus.

I think the real problem is that there's not enough spaces. We pay enough to go here, why should we be financially punished for something so minute. If anything, the teachers should be the one walking and taking the buses, seeing that we're the ones who pay for their salaries. We're all intelligent people at this school (for the most part). Don't you think it seems logical to park in a parking lot that is next to a dorm? When asked that question, Security responded by saying that you should park in the Ross Sports Center.

In closing, I hope I made my point clear, fear the men in blue, the rent-a-cops are out to get you.

Sincerely,
Ryan Walker

Corrections, Corrections...

- In the Oct. 28 issue, the person with the pierced tongue in the photo on page 11 is misidentified. His name is Kaz Obara.
- The student activity fee, mentioned on page 5 of last week's paper, is \$160 a semester.

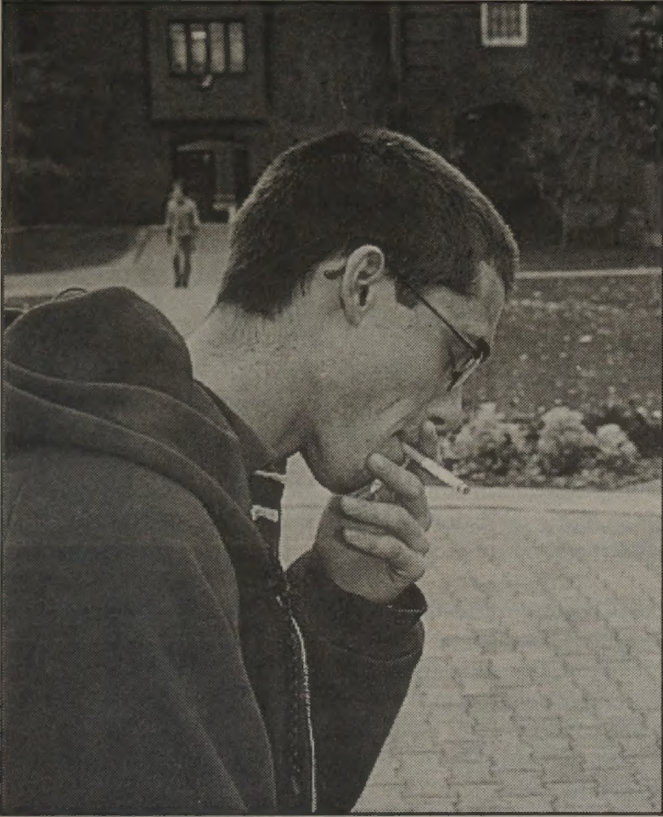


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Students often light up on their walks across campus to classes.

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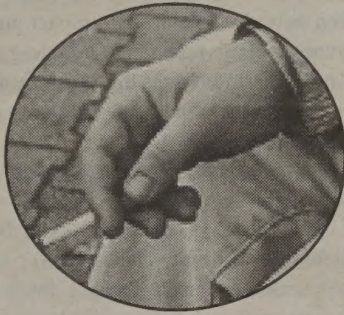


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Smokers

By Deirdre Coleman
Staff Writer

Shunned at Vermont hospitals, restaurants and public buildings, they're no longer allowed to puff away in most places. But walk through St. Michael's campus and you're bound to see them. They congregate along the steps of dorms, converse outside of Alliot, and convene before class in front of St. Edmund's.

They're smokers and they make up approximately 26 percent of the St. Michael's students surveyed. In a recent survey of 300 St. Mike's students, 26 percent of guys and 25.3 percent of girls use tobacco products.

Eighteen out of 82 freshmen, 10 out of 54 sophomores, 25 out of 89 juniors and 25 out of 75 seniors polled said they use some form of tobacco.

An estimated 430,070 Americans die each year from diseases caused by smoking. Smoking is responsible for an estimated one in five deaths and costs the U.S. at least \$97.2 billion each year in health care costs and lost productivity, said Joanne Peterman, manager of asthma programs at the Vermont American Lung Association.

Emphysema, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, heart disease, and even wrinkles in the skin are all long-term effects of cigarette smoking, said the nurses at Health Services.

"Statistics show that every cigarette a person smokes takes 10 minutes off their lives," Nurse Mary Alice Irish said.

Despite the statistics, the warnings from The American Lung Association and cautions from Health Services, some students aren't dissuaded from opening a pack of Marlboros.

"I started in high school when I went to parties and it just became a natural habit," said junior Naz Paciotti. "It's just so hard to quit at college because I feel as though everyone here smokes."

Like Paciotti, others said they began smoking in high school.

"People come to college having had years of smoking behind them," said Nurse Miriam Sheehey. "It's hard to quit a habit that has worked reasonably well for them."

Freshman Jen DeLucia, who has been smoking on and off for four years, agreed. "It's obviously going to lead to health problems so I want to quit now while I'm still young," she said. "It's just hard to quit, especially in social situations where other people are smoking."

Junior Kristen Murray recently stopped smoking after five years. "It was really hard at first. When I got a craving, I wrote down the reasons for stopping...yellow teeth, bad breath, expenses, my parents..."

Sheehey said that it's difficult for many smokers to quit by themselves.

"They need a support person," she said.

"I quit with a housemate, so it made it much easier to stop because we both did it together," Murray said.

According to some of the nurses at Health Services, there are three common ways to quit smoking.

You can quit cold turkey, gradually, or use a nicotine replacement therapy such as the patch or gum, they said.

The nicotine replacement therapy, which helps reduce nicotine cravings and eases symptoms of withdrawal, is now available without a prescription.

A box of seven nicotine patches cost \$28.99, whereas the gum sells for \$49.99 at most pharmacies.

The St. Michael's community is also trying to spread the word about the hazards of smoking.

The Fighting to Reduce and Extinguish Smoking Habits House, located at 86 College Parkway, aims to educate St. Michael's students about the dangers and risks of smoking.

"We set up the house because smoking is such a prominent issue on campus that no one seems to have addressed," said F.R.E.S.H. house resident Johanna Molnar.

Molnar, a sophomore, along with five other junior girls, Heather Schold, Katie D'Amico, Jen Boyne, Angela Elser and Liz Pease, have collaborated with Health Services in an attempt to spread the awareness of smoking hazards.

"We're not here to force people to quit," said Molnar. "We just want to spread awareness about the consequences."

Mike Ohler, assistant director of Resident Life, said that smoking is a big issue on campus.

"There is certainly a concern on campus and everywhere for smoking," he said. "The theme houses are there to act as a resource for the campus so if someone needs help at least there is somewhere to go."

The F.R.E.S.H. house is planning to help coordinate The Great American Smokeout, which will take place on the third Thursday in November.

"It is a day in which all smokers are encouraged to quit," said Schold.

"Then they can prove to themselves that it can be done."



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Junior Matt Lawson smokes a cigarette between classes.

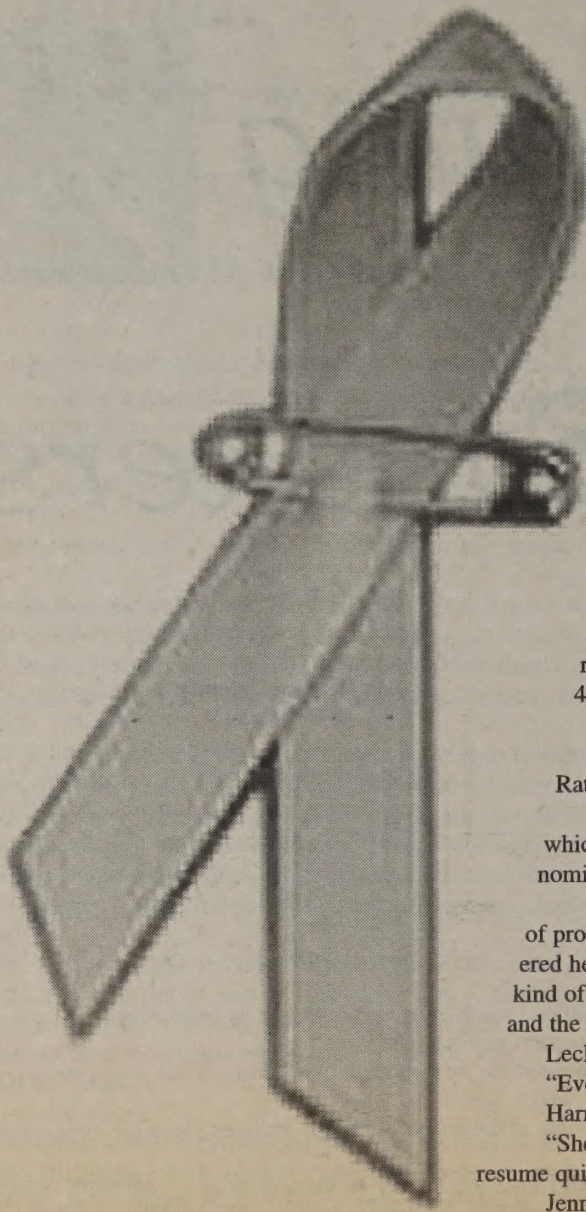


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St. Michael's Students Polled

The Defender's unscientific poll of 300 students reveals that about 26 percent of those surveyed smoke:

- 18 of 82 Freshmen
- 10 of 54 sophomores
- 25 of 89 juniors
- 25 of 75 seniors



Remembering a life

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"Even now she's having an impact on the students," Rathgeb said.

Joanne Rathgeb belongs to a large group of Vermont women affected by breast cancer. Don Rathgeb said at one point Vermont held the eighth-highest death rate in the nation for breast cancer.

As a breast-cancer activist, his wife raised awareness and got people talking about a once-taboo subject, Rathgeb said.

She played a large role in influencing the U.S. Congress to pass the Cancer Registry Act. She also served as a chairwoman for "Do the Write Thing," a letter-writing campaign to support increased funding for cancer research. Joanne Rathgeb collected about 14,000 letters for this campaign, which was far above the initial goal of 450. She delivered the letters to Vermont's legislative representatives in Washington, D.C.

"The number of letters brought down was topped only by Utah," Rathgeb said.

The memories many campus community members have of "Mrs. R," as students called her, characterize Rathgeb as a woman dedicated to every activity she pursued.

According to her husband, during her years at St. Michael's Rathgeb received all three of the faculty awards which are given at the Academic Convocation. She also a recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award after being nominated by 50 students.

Professor Paul Leclair remembers Rathgeb's commitment to students. Leclair characterized her as the type of professor who related to her students academically, as a professor, and personally, as a friend. Once Leclair discovered her backstage in McCarthy at 11 p.m., comforting a crying student. He started to leave quietly when he heard "the kind of laughter that tells you a problem has been solved," he said. By the end of their conversation, Leclair said she and the student both cried "tears of joy."

Leclair said that he observed her caring and giving nature many times.

"Everyone felt their relationship with her was special," he said.

Harrigan, who is a former student of Rathgeb's, describes her as a "teacher, mentor and friend."

"She came to watch one of my rehearsals three weeks before she died and helped another former student with his resume quite literally from her deathbed," Harrigan said.

Jennie Cernosia, director of Student Activities, described Rathgeb as "very much almost the matriarch of the college community."

Even today, Cernosia said Rathgeb continues to serve as a "great model for our students."

Harrigan and Cernosia believe that the Nov. 19 event will impact all St. Michael's students.

"There's probably not a student, staff or faculty member who hasn't been touched in some way by breast cancer, whether it is a friend or a family member," Cernosia said.

The celebration will take place at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

the Gift of Giving

By Sarah Newton
Staff Writer

Monies gathered through the Reunion Gift Giving Program have enabled St. Michael's College to add two new scholarships to the current list of 74.

The Rev. Ralph "Spike" Linnehan, S.S.E., Memorial Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the fall of 1999. An incoming freshman will receive about \$1200 each year for the next four years, said Richard DiVenere, associate vice president for gift and estate planning. The Rev. Ralph Scholarship, as noted in the in the 1998-1999 St. Michael's College Catalog, is awarded as "tuition assistance to needy and deserving students, with a geographical preference to individuals from Western Massachusetts."

The geographical preference to Massachusetts was stipulated by the family because that is where the Linnehan roots are, DiVenere said.

Linnehan, a member of the Class of 1921, served St. Michael's for over 57 years as an athletic director and professor, inspiring his nephew Robert Linnehan, a member of the Class of 1968, and his wife, Sara, to establish this scholarship, DiVenere said.

DiVenere remembered Linnehan as an avid sports fan and added that he was inducted into the St. Michael's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

Linnehan is also remembered as being an important part of the college community.

"When I came to St. Michael's in 1973, Fr. Ralph was already a retired priest," DiVenere said.

Many alumni choose to give back to the college yet

the minimum amount required to establish an endowed scholarship is \$25,000, DiVenere said. The money is then put aside in an account where it is able to grow and only the interest earned on the money is awarded as the scholarship, he said.

St. Michael's total financial aid budget is about \$10 million, said Nelberta Lunde, director of Financial Aid.

"Of this amount, approximately \$550,000 comes from endowed scholarships," Lunde said.

As for the second scholarship, donated by the Fleming family, DiVenere said that the details for that gift are still to be worked out.

A figure has not yet been decided upon, but the donors have agreed to meet the endowment total in three to five years, he said.

Richard Fleming, a St. Michael's trustee and member of the Class of 1953, has established the scholarship in the name of his family, DiVenere said.

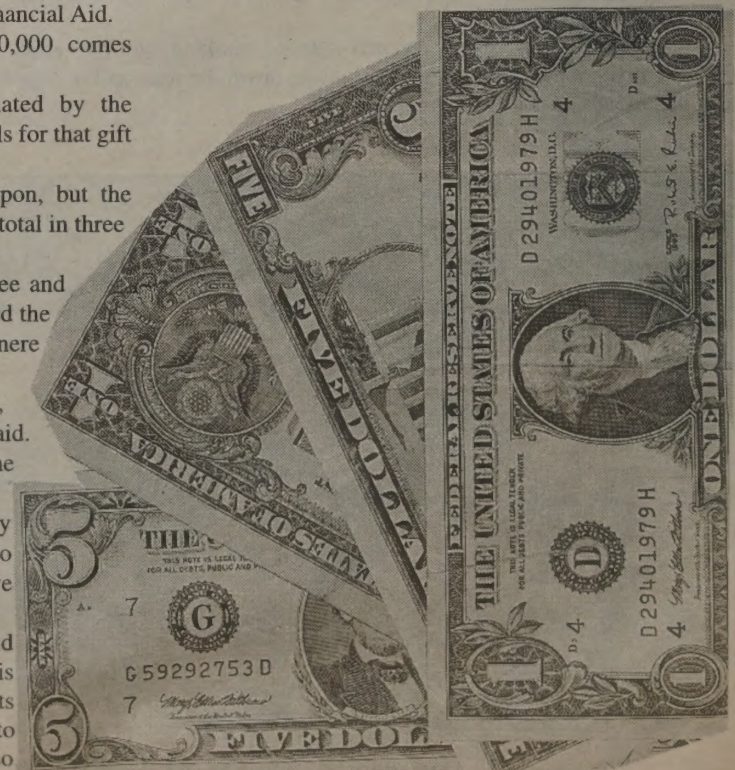
Fleming's father attended St. Michael's, as did two of his own children, DiVenere said.

The significance of St. Michael's to the three generations of Flemings has encouraged them to create the Fleming Family Scholarship, which will "help students who would like to attend St. Michael's to improve their education," DiVenere said.

Vice President for Enrollment and Management Jerry Flanagan said that it is important to offer scholarships to students who have been accepted and want to come to St. Michael's but may not be able to do so

without such funds.

"The office of Financial Aid works very hard to see that the monies are used wisely and given to those with the greatest need," he said.



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One for the team

St. Michael's graduate runs for political office -- not for the win but for the party



By Kristen Bradley
Features Editor

It's not every day that a St. Michael's graduate runs for political office.

This is his month, his week, the remaining moments--but he knows there will be no win. In fact, he says so himself.

Brendan Kinney, who graduated from St. Michael's in 1993 and now works in the college's public relations department, is running as a Libertarian for a seat in the Vermont Senate, representing Chittenden County. The 27-year-old has spent \$200 on his campaign, which he began about five months ago. He has known from the get-go that he would not come out of this race victorious.

"I have to keep things in perspective at this point," he said. "There are six strong incumbents and I don't have a lot of money."

There are 14 candidates running for one of those six seats.

So, the question is, why spend the time and energy? His answer: to prove a point.

The Libertarian party was founded in 1971. About six years ago, the Vermont Libertarian party disappeared for some time. Two years ago, only six candidates ran as Libertarians. This election year, there are 42 on the ballot. Kinney said that this campaign's purpose is to reacquire Vermonters with what the Libertarian party is and the issues it stands for.

"As a party, this is a real building year for us," Kinney said. "By the year 2000, hopefully we'll have 100 candidates running across the state. My goal wasn't winning but to run an educational campaign," he said. "We all want to win this year but that's not going to happen realistically. We can't change the face of Vermont politics in one election."

Although the Libertarian party is the third largest political party in the nation, with 850 candidates on the ballot across the country, the money that is associated with Republican and Democratic parties is not available to Libertarians.

"The Libertarian party doesn't have a lot of money," Kinney said. "So there is no party money coming in."

Kinney said that if he were to win a seat in a political office one of the first things on his agenda would be to set up fund-

ing so all candidates, in every party, can have a chance of winning.

"The Democratic party has a lot of money coming in and they have endorsements," he said. "If Gov. Dean touches you with his magic wand, you're golden."

As for his own campaign finances, Kinney said that he didn't raise more money because he didn't try to.

"I wasn't sure what it took and I didn't quite realize what I was getting myself into," he said. "I just kind of threw my hat in the ring and said let's see what happens."

It's not that Kinney didn't

have the dream or the drive. Rather, he envisioned spreading knowledge of the Libertarian party first, and winning later.

"It would be nice to win but realistically it's not going to happen," he said. "But did I accomplish my goal of educating voters about Libertarianism? I think so. I think so, as much as I was able."

Kinney said that running a campaign takes a considerable amount of time and that next time --because there will be a next time--he knows that direct communication with potential voters is extremely important.

"I'm going to win next time

or the time after," he said. "Libertarians will win but they may not win this year."

Kinney stressed that the main difference between the three parties is that Libertarians don't believe that the government should have a say in your personal life.

"We take the best of the Democrat and the best of the Republican and we offer a serious alternative," Kinney said.

"We believe that personal and individual freedom is absolutely untouchable and totally sacred.

"Republicans like free market ideas that we embrace but

Republicans want to tell you what you can and can't do in your bedroom," Kinney said. "Democrats want to be able to tell businesses how to run their companies."

To better understand the party's beliefs, Kinney spoke of two controversial issues: abortion and the death penalty.

"Personally, I am pro-life," he said. "As a Libertarian, I can not in good conscious allow the government to be a tool to prevent you from doing what you want with your body."

As for the death penalty, Kinney said that every time you give the state control over who lives and who dies, you end up with a dangerous situation.

"It's telling the state it's OK to kill people," he said.

His political and personal beliefs have always been strong, he said.

In high school, he started an underground newspaper. Then, during his time at St. Michael's, he became the editor of *The Devil's Advocate*, which was also an alternative, rebellious publication.

"Whether it's been speaking out against a specific issue or helping the Libertarian party in the state of Vermont get back on its feet," he has always been interested in politics, he said.

Kinney said that he has some real concerns for Vermont, such as prison overcrowding.

Politics and government in Vermont may become so large that the average person feels like he or she can't participate, Kinney said.

"We should have a government where anybody can walk in and serve a four-year term. Everybody has a say in the future of the state," he said.

Part of his agenda would be to shorten the legislative sessions in Montpelier. Politicians spend eight months in Montpelier, which Kinney said is too much time to do too much damage.

"How many average citizens can take eight months out of their lives to serve their state?"

Kinney cautioned that Vermont is in danger of losing the citizen-based government that is part of its culture and tradition.

"I don't think I have been to something as fun as a town meeting," Kinney said.

As a native of Vermont, Kinney's concerns for this state are genuine.

For Kinney, his goal wasn't to win. It was to learn. He set out as a teacher and along the way, he learned a few lessons of his own.

He should take pride in both.



Photo by Colin Mulready

Brendan Kinney's election motto is displayed on this sign. Kinney is running as a Libertarian for a seat in the Vermont Senate.



Brendan Kinney at his desk in the St. Michael's College Public Relations Office.

Photo by Colin Mulready

The Defender goes to press on Tuesday afternoon. Election results were unavailable.

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Photo by Colin Mulready
Lena Ford, daughter of Margaret Ford, sits on Corey Hevron's lap at the St Michael's Child Care Center.



Photo by Colin Mulready
Sue Treadwell, director of the Child Care Center, is in favor of moving the center to a new location.



Photo by Colin Mulready
Lena Ford is one of the 33 children currently at the St. Michael's Child Care Center.

In need of a *New Building*

By Martina Ivanicova
Staff Writer

The St. Michael's College Child Care Center has set a goal for the year 2002. It is trying to raise about \$500,000 through a capital campaign. The purpose is to build a new facility to give the 33 children who spend their days at the center a suitable environment for learning and playing.

"We haven't really started fund raising because we still haven't gotten permission from the St. Michael's

**"We want to get out of the basement, get more exposure to natural light."
•Sue Treadwell**

College Development Office to raise the funds," said Bonnie Norton, a child care teacher. "St. Michael's feels we should have a new space but there is no existing money or building available."

The center started a pledge drive on Oct. 16. A committee of 15 parents and alumni parents are working closely on this project, Norton said. Other options for the Child Care Center are to move to another building in Fort Ethan Allen or to join another child care center.

"We want to get out of the basement, get more exposure to the natural light and we want to be handicap accessible," said Sue Treadwell, director of the Child Care

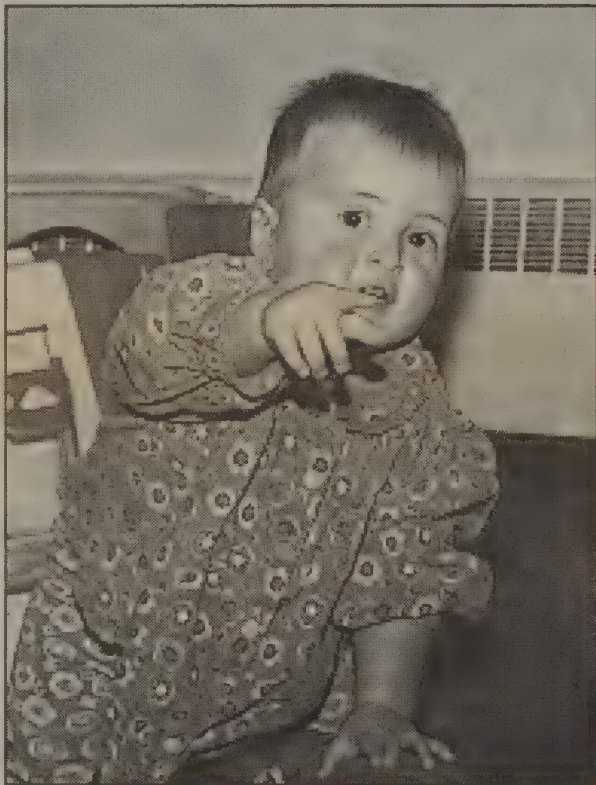


Photo by Colin Mulready
Work study students are employed at the Child Care Center to help care for children like Lena Ford.

Center.

The current center is located in the basement of Hamel Hall on North Campus. It is mainly one large room that is divided into two different sections separated by furniture, small tables and a play loft. There is an additional room for infants. The space has only a few small windows at ground level.

"We cannot show the children what is going on outside," said Naomi Bartlett, a child care teacher.

The lack of space is the biggest disadvantage of the center. "The children do not have enough room to move, play, and run around at free play," said senior Stacy Lee, a work study employee at the center. "If anyone goes to visit the day care they will understand my disappointment," she said.

The Child Care Center opened Aug. 28, 1982 with three children. Today the center services 33 children, aged six weeks to six years. There are seven child care teachers and 34 work-study students.

The Child Care Center has received two awards from the National Association for the Education of Youth Children. This national organization judges childcare centers based on quality of care.

The center's program is not the issue. The problem is the building.

"Teachers are why the center is so wonderful, not the location space," said Margaret Ford, parent, alumna, and director of the student recreation center. "St. Michael's College is lucky to have such dedicated teachers who been here for such a long time."



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By Maria Delano
Staff Writer

The History of

Instead of drawing, calligraphy or painting, the students in Professor Amy Werbel's Special Topics in Art and Architecture class are preparing guest lists and mailing invitations to residents and businesses of Fort Ethan Allen.

On Nov. 11, the class will unveil the semester's work by presenting the first website about the history of The Fort.

Tony Carbrello, a student in the class said the site will help the community learn more about The Fort.

"Hopefully, SMC students will learn a lot about their very close neighbors through the website," Carbrello said. "Most importantly, I hope students will have a greater appreciation for the fort after looking at our website. I know I have grown to appreciate it and its potential through this class."

The buildings of Fort Ethan Allen house many businesses and residential areas, including the North Campus of St. Michael's College.

North Campus provides housing for students and the college's Sloane Arts Center.

Werbel decided to research Fort Ethan Allen because she liked the idea of teaching about something that is right in front of her students and because of The Fort's connection to St. Michael's.

The project has gone in many unexpected directions since its start, Werbel said.

"I started out not really being sure about what was going to happen, and the students and I working together have really developed the syllabus. Together we



Photo courtesy of Amy Werbel

Students in Special Topics in Art and Architecture design a web site of Fort Ethan Allen.

talk about what is it we need to do to understand the fort, and it's taken us in all kinds of directions that I never could have predicted in August," she said.

Students in the class said that the work they are doing is not typical of an ordinary art class.

"It's entirely different than any other art classes I've had because the only others I've taken are studio classes in which one draws or paints," class member Sherry Mahady said. "We're doing lots and lots of research, some of it with primary sources.

We're taking field trips, learning to use FrontPage [a computer application used to design web pages]. Professor Werbel runs the class like a seminar, quite informal with lots of discussion and input from the students," she said.

In 1994, when Werbel first started teaching at the college, the fate of the North Campus was uncertain, she said.

Some people wanted to sell the land and build more dorms on main campus and others didn't want to put any more money into Sloane Hall, for fear that the Art

Department was going to relocate.

Four years later, the North Campus is still located at the fort. It is the history of the fort and the practical skills needed to build a web page that makes the class and the project such an attraction.

In the class' research, they traveled to the Essex Historical Society, the Colchester Town Clerk's office, the University of Vermont library and the state capital to obtain information.

Also, Tom Visser, director of the Historic Preservation Program at UVM spoke to the class about the study and preservation of historic sites.

Through this research, the students found that it was initially a cavalry base in 1894.

As time progressed, the buildings were used for varying purposes. For instance, when military troops in the '40s no longer needed horses, the stables were used to shelter automobiles, Werbel said.

"The site will provide information about the fort to students who might be curious but who would have no other access to information about it. It could also be used as a resource for papers on various topics," Mahady said.

The students said they also hope the site will be a resource for the preservation of historic structures.

There will be pages that list sources of funding for renovating historic buildings as well as information regarding fire and electric codes for old buildings.

"A big part of our website is to make it a resource for people who want to refurbish fort buildings that aren't being used right now," Werbel said.

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Arts & Entertainment

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The Defender awarded '1998 College Newspaper of the Year'

NENA names paper best student paper in region

By Bryan Goodchild
Online Editor

The Defender was recognized as the best college newspaper in New England on Saturday.

The New England Newspaper Association and The Academy of New England Journalists gave The Defender the award during its 13th annual workshop and conference for campus journalists at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

The conference was held on the campus from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Print Executive Editor Carrie Simonelli, Sports Editor C.J. Lampman, Features Editor Kristen Bradley and Online Executive Editor Jim Welch were in Boston to accept the award.

The award was based on issues from the spring 1998 semester. The Defender submitted an issue about Julian Bond and how the decision regarding graduation speakers is made, which also included an article on the domestic assault case of a popular professor; and an issue with a story on grade inflation.

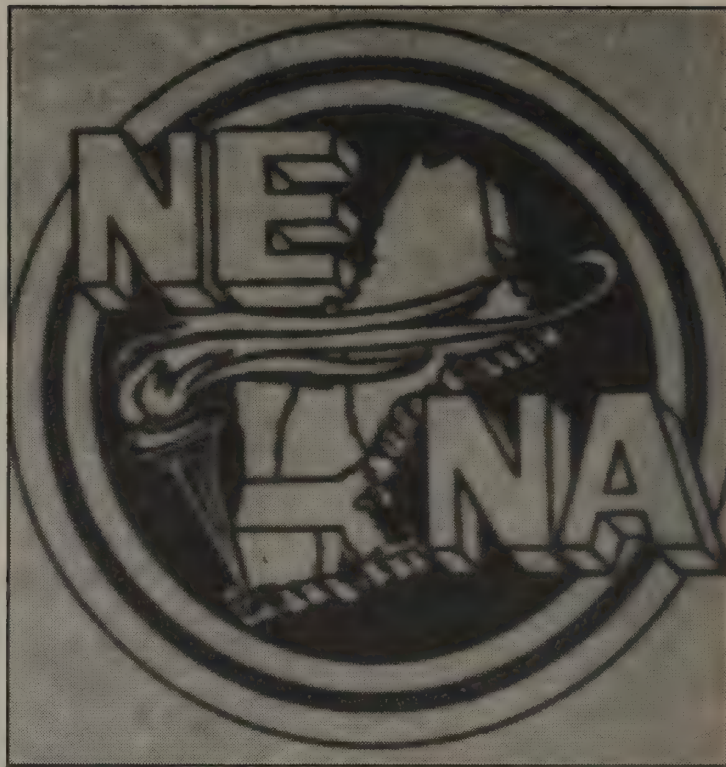
The Defender was applauded for its "enterprise stories,"

which require initiative in reporting; its student-centered articles; and its design.

The Defender staff during the spring semester included Deb Gorgos, executive editor; Simone Hofmann, managing editor; Erin Sullivan, sports editor; Scott Sonia, features editor; Margot LeSage, news editor; Carrie Simonelli, campus living editor.

Simonelli is currently the newspaper's executive editor, and Sonia is the managing editor of the online Defender.

The newspaper's advisers were Journalism professors Mary Jane Alexander and Mike Donoghue.



Courtesy of New England Newspaper Association

The New England Newspaper Association gives out this award every year.

CALENDAR

November 4-11

Wednesday

- St. Michael's College Fall main stage production "Tartuffe" premiere night/McCarthy Arts Center/8 p.m./free.
- Metro Massive DJ Huli & Diaz Reggae, Dancehall, Hip Hop/Metronome/9 p.m./free



Belizbeha

Saturday

- Godspell/Memorial Hall, Essex Center/7 p.m./adults \$10, students and seniors \$8.
- Damn Yankees/Barre Opera Center/7:30 p.m./adults \$11, students and seniors \$9.
- Swing dance party DJ Little Martini/7 p.m./\$8.
- St. Michael's College Fall main production "Tartuffe" last night/McCarthy Arts Center/8 p.m./free.

Sunday

- Harvey Reid/Borders Books and Music/3 p.m./free.
- Mark LeGrand & Sarah Munro/Borders Books and Music/8 p.m./free.
- Deep Banana Blackout & The Skamaphrodites/Metronome/4-8 p.m./\$5.
- New Orleans Buggy Band Jolly Wall Jam/Vermont Pub Brewery/9:45 p.m./free
- Retronome Sunday Matinee/Metronome 10 p.m./free (non-alcohol all ages show).

Monday

- Cake presented by Club Metronome @ Higher Ground/9 p.m./\$8.
- Mad Mountain Tavern, Waitsfield/9:30-2 a.m./\$3.



Cake

Wednesday

- Little Feat/Higher Ground/for info. call 654-8888.
- Katherine Queen/Red Square/9:30 p.m./free.
- Lovers in Love book discussion series/South Burlington Community Library/7 p.m.



Little Feat

Tuesday

- DJ Rob Eighties Night/Club Toast/9 p.m./\$5 under 21, free over.
- Max King Trio/Red Square/9:30 p.m./free
- From Page to Screen book discussion series/Brownell Library/Essex Junction/7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Bag of Panties James Kochalka Superstar/Nov. 15/Metronome/4-8 p.m./\$5.
- DJ's Martin and Mitchell/Nov. 17/Metronome/9 p.m./free.
- Freeriders/Flynn Theater/Nov. 21/6 p.m. & 9 p.m.



Woods Tea Company

- The Buck Dewey Big Band/Metronome/9 p.m./\$3.
- Before & After book discussion series/Norwich University/for info call 485-2170.

Friday

- Dan Seiden, guitarist singer and songwriter/Borders Books and Music/8 p.m./free.
- Godspell/Memorial Hall, Essex Center/7 p.m./adults \$10, students and seniors \$8.
- Belizbeha/Metronome/9 p.m./\$7.

Arts & Entertainment

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This week's movie, 'Apt Pupil,' earns a C



By Steve Sweeney
Film Critic

I didn't really know what to expect going into "Apt Pupil." Looking back, I'm still a bit fuzzy.

Is this film ultimately about a confused adolescent, a relationship between a mentor and an apprentice, or is the primary focus to present a disturbing perspective on the Jewish Holocaust with a supernatural twist?

"Apt Pupil," directed by Bryan Singer ("The Usual Suspects") is an adaptation of a Stephen King novel of the same title. With that in mind, if you're familiar with the trend of many King stories brought to film, this one offers no significant surprises.

Is it possible that the exact same people package all these movies? They are all the same, with X-number of corpses, screams and insane characters.

With the exception of "The Shining," "Stand By Me" and "Misery," King stories tailored for the screen, stink.

"Apt Pupil" pretty much falls in line with "Pet Semetary," "The Stand," "The Tommyknockers," "Thinner," "IT," and "Graveyard Shift." For the most part, these movies either grow from made-for-TV land, or, if they warrant a theatrical release, just visit for a couple of days.

In this film, Todd Bowden (Brad Renfro) is a brilliant high school student with a thirst for history. Specifically, Todd is compelled to learn about the Nazi war crimes against Jews.

In an event that is rather poorly reported in the film, Bowden uncovers an ex-German soldier secretly living in his own neighborhood. Since books and lectures are inadequate for this aspiring student, the 16-year-old visits the home of Kurt Dussander (Ian McKellen), to get the first-hand details of his involvement in the war.

At this point, the young teenager blackmails Dussander to meet with him every day after school to tell him stories. The old man agrees for fear that Todd will reveal to the public the truth about his past.

As the two meet frequently, the film becomes a confusing

combination of the "Twilight Zone" and an ABC after school special.

Being the Apt Pupil that he is, Bowden quickly learns and absorbs these stories of the atrocities Dussander and fellow soldiers performed.

In response, Todd himself grows increasingly evil (he seems unwell to begin with) and performs several acts of violence throughout the movie.

His grades drop, his social life diminishes (not that the film reveals much about his social life anyway) and he has frequent nightmares and hallucinations about imprisonment in a gas chamber.

'Apt Pupil' pretty much falls in line with 'Pet Semetary,' 'The Stand,' 'The Tommyknockers,' 'Thinner,' 'IT,' 'Graveyard Shift.' For the most part, these movies either grow from made-for-TV land, or, if they warrant a theatrical release, just visit for a couple of days.

These dreams are perhaps

the most haunting aspects of the film because they border the supernatural, marking his descent into insanity.

The two develop an obscure friendship filled with distrust. But, at the same time, they share a common appreciation for suffering. Sounds familiar, King fans?

In one scene, we watch as Bowden crushes a helpless bird with his basketball. In another foul play, he nearly decapitates a homeless man with a shovel. Ouch!

Dussander parallels Todd's actions when he tries cooking his cat in the oven and stabs the same homeless fellow in the spine with a steak knife. Yum!

At one point, Todd forces Dussander to wear an old SS uniform and march in place. It is quite a riveting scene. Yes, you saw it in the commercials.

For a story that could potentially exhibit large amounts of dialogue between the boy and the elder, I was disappointed that it did not follow through.

The film needs more scenes of intense dialogue so the changes in Todd's character seem more appropriate.

I think back to "Jaws," when Robert Shaw held Roy Schieder, Richard Dreyfuss, and the audience captivated by a description of how his Navy mates 'got et' by

sharks.

"Apt Pupil" could have done that several times, engaging the characters in truly gripping conversations—but it does not.

As a result, Todd's character is awkward. He threatens to kill Dussander one minute, while later, he energetically studies for his final exams in the guy's kitchen.

His actions flowed unevenly from the slightly disturbed, to the rehabilitated, back to the immensely disturbed.

Perhaps the biggest upset, was for "Friends" fans. Making far too little appearances in the film was '90s heartthrob David Schwimmer.

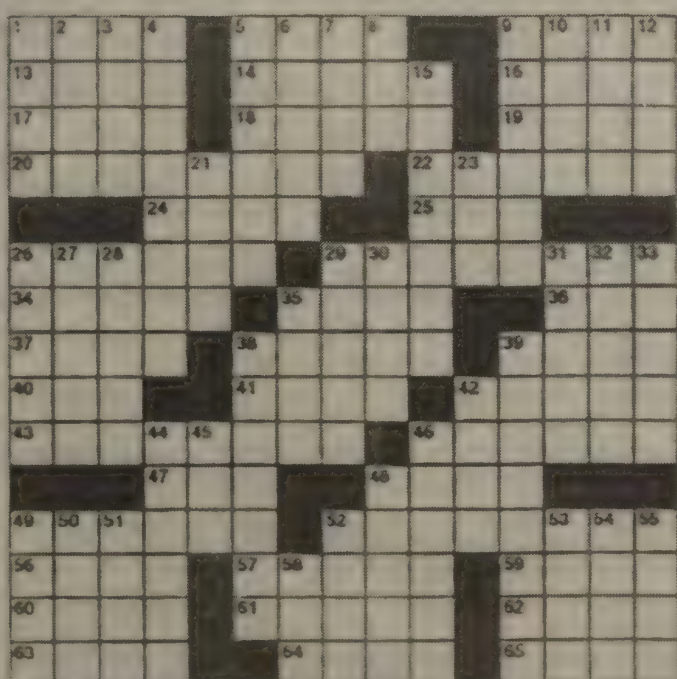
In my opinion, this guy is a good actor, and this film could have been an opportunity for him to emerge from his sitcom character.

Instead, Schwimmer plays a naive guidance counselor, and falls short in developing a camaraderie with Todd that the film could have benefited from.

If anyone deserves the award for this film, I'd say give it to McKellen. He's the only one who seems consistent and believable.

Instead of a smarty pants brat with some issues like Todd, Dussander has had years of terrible memories, as a result of his inhumane actions.

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**Answers to the
Crossword puzzle
are on page 18.**

Cosmic Astrology



By Kosmic Kristen

Each horoscope is a slight analysis as to what the stars tell me. However, you have to be the judge as to what is right for you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

You may be having the time of your life but sooner or later your slacking will catch up to you. Make sure you have fun because you deserve to, but don't forget the important stuff.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Sometimes people say things they don't mean and you often take them to heart. It's OK to be sensitive but don't overreact all the time. Not everyone is out to get you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**

When times get tough, look to a friend for help. You may not like to share your problems but if they can lean on you, you should be able to lean on them. Everyone needs to vent.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

If you wish for what you really want, it probably will come true. This week the stars are lined up perfectly and with that alignment comes lots of good fortune for you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Things are a little hectic right now and you're wondering if anything will ever get better. I have a feeling it will but only with time. So take the good with the bad and be patient. I know that happiness awaits you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

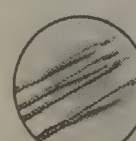
So, you had these big plans for last weekend and nothing turned out how you wanted it to. But remember, the weekend has passed and there are many more left in the semester. Try not to plan things out so perfectly. You'll end up disappointed.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

How many times a week do you ask yourself why you are here? That many? Well, we all wonder why we are in college and what we will get out of it so don't quit. Just remember that all you can do is try.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**

Your grades are the worst they have ever been and you're wondering what you can do about it before the end of the semester. If you take the time to meet with your professors and actually study, luck will come.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

A distant friend will slowly start creeping back into your life within the next few weeks. Don't worry, they are not back to take advantage of you but rather they've realized how special you are.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

You need to be a little more understanding to what a friend is going through. I know it always seems like they have some big problem but this one is serious. Extend your ear and listen. They really need you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

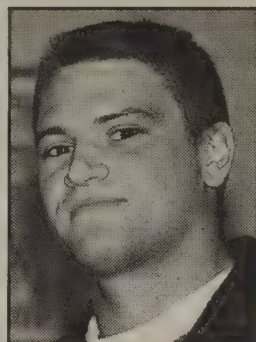
If you don't start saving now, you will have no money left by Thanksgiving. Then, what will you do about Christmas shopping? Try not to spend so casually and don't hesitate to ask your friends to pay you back.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

If you think you will never find true love you are wrong. Sometimes it is right in front of you and you can't see it. Give what you would expect out of your current relationship and try to make it work. It's worth it.

Campus Speaks

Do you agree with the SA sweatshop proposal?



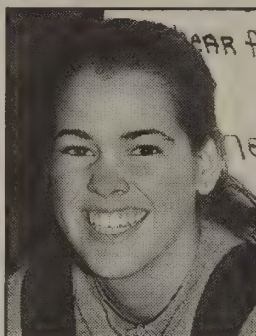
"We don't want a boycott because we don't want people to lose their jobs. We want to improve working conditions."

•John Dorflinger, junior



"It is an issue that can't be solved tomorrow, but if SMC has to go without a few sweatshirts I doubt we'll feel much of a loss."

•Tahnto Coffin, senior



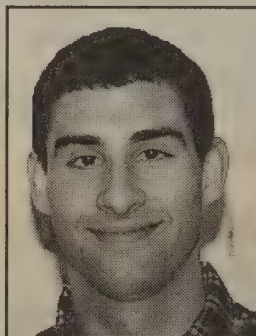
"It is a good idea because people like Kathie Lee don't need more money then they already have."

•Amanda Mccaluey, sophomore



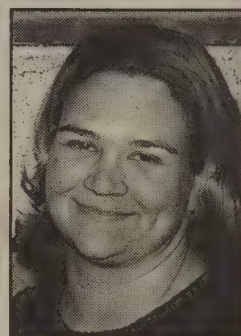
"Sure."

•Brett Clancy, senior



"I think it is good that they are taking a stand against sweatshop labor."

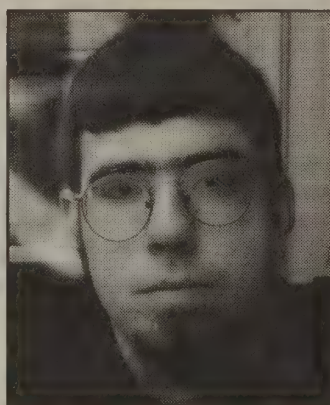
•Stephen Sabetta, senior



"It is a very good idea but it is going to be a very large undertaking."

•Katie Whitman, senior

Avail's energetic atmosphere catches on



By Brendan Feeney
Staff Writer

Amidst all the projects, papers, and homework of this week, I somehow managed to see two of my absolute favorite bands on two different nights.

Of course, this means that once again I did even less work than I was supposed to, but hey, life is short.

On Friday night I headed down to the wonderful Club Toast to check out Braid, which just may be the best band around nowadays.

They were playing first on a bill that included ultra-trendy ska-punks Less Than Jake, and I planned on getting in without a problem, enjoying Braid's set, and leaving immediately afterward.

Unfortunately, it seems that the recent mainstream popularity that ska has gained meant that every student from every local

high school decided to attend this show as well, and arrive at the show at least two hours early and form a gigantic line, which I ended up at the rear of.

So after sneaking my way to the front of line and getting one of the few tickets remaining for the show, I was set.

After, a few delays, Braid started its set. This four-piece from the Midwest plays a truly awesome dynamic style of indie rock.

Its songs are masterpieces, with intricate and catchy guitar work and emotional vocals from both guitarists.

Unfortunately, the set got cut short because one of the guitarists lost a contact lens in his eye (ouch!), but the five songs I got to hear were well worth it. So I left the trendy high school kids to their boring ska with a smile on my face.

Monday night found me back at Club Toast facing another big-name ska band, the Suicide Machines.

It was another packed house, and another one of my favorite bands, this time VA's Avail.

Luckily the crowd that night was much cooler, and with fewer trendy high school kids.

Local hardcore band Drowningman opened the show, debuting their new line-up, which includes a new guitarist and drummer.

They play a fierce blend of classic metal and hardcore, and tonight they sounded as good as ever, even with the new members.

I'd recommend checking out their CD "Busy Signal at the Suicide Hotline" on Hydra Head Records, and supporting this great local band.

Avail was up next and suddenly the floor was packed.

They hit the stage and people went absolutely crazy; there were bodies flying everywhere before they even started the first song.

I have to say that Avail is by far the most energetic live band I've ever seen.

They play pop-punk very similar to bands like Green Day and Rancid, only with much more energy, sincerity and feeling.

After only a few songs just about everyone in the crowd, myself included, was dancing up a storm.

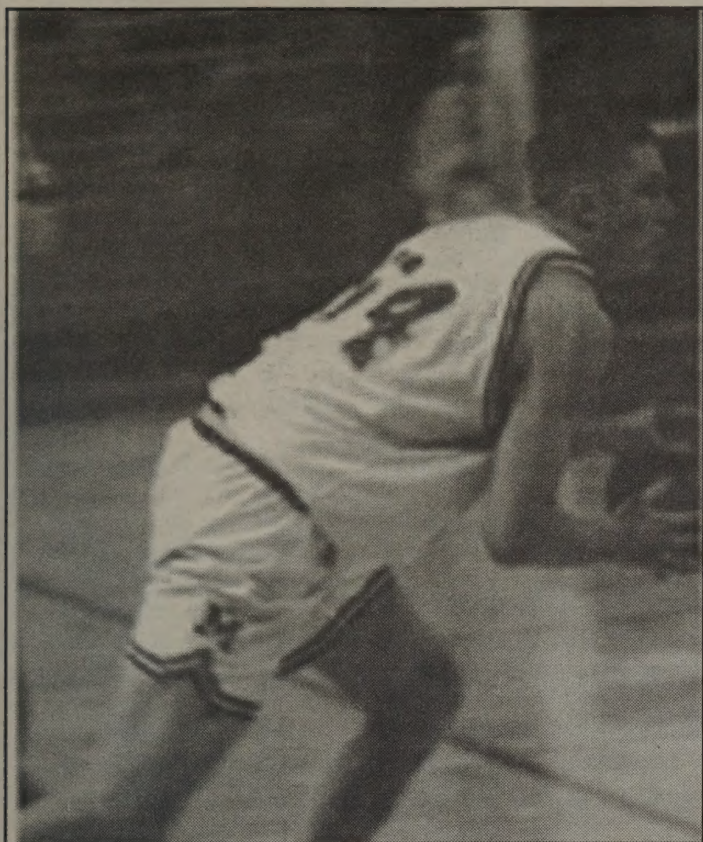
They played a great set, mostly of songs off their latest record, "Over the James" on Lookout! Records, but many older songs off their previous three records were mixed in.

I left Club Toast after Avail soaking wet with sweat and glad I'd skipped Monday night's work. I'd recommend checking out both Avail and Braid live and on record if you ever get the chance. That's all for me.

Sports

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Men's hoops changes focus, still looks to compete



File Photo

The NE-10s 1995-96 Rookie of the Year, senior tri-captain Brian Panuzzo, is hoping to lead the Knights back to the playoffs this year.

By Seth Cole
Staff Writer

Despite losing its top two scorers from last year's 16-13 team, the St. Michael's men's basketball team is optimistic about its chances to compete for the NE-10 title this year.

Head Coach Tom O'Shea, now in his second year at the helm, said it will be hard to replace the leadership and play of fifth-year seniors Jay Wandtke and Geoff Card. However, he said he still has the personnel to contend for the league crown.

"The league's going to be really good this year," O'Shea said. "On paper we are not the strongest team, but we have a lot of versatile players and I expect some guys to emerge for us."

He said the team will rely heavily on its trio of seniors: captains Brian Panuzzo, John Gonzalez and Derek Henderson.

"In the past, these guys haven't had to be the focal point of our team. They'll need to take on a bigger role this year, both by

their play and with their leadership."

Panuzzo said he tries to lead by example.

"I'm not a big yeller and screamer," he said. "As a captain, there are certain things that you have to say. I felt as though it's more important to speak up when we're struggling than when we are playing well."

Panuzzo, Henderson and sophomore forward Todd Roberts are expected to be the mainstays underneath for the Purple Knights.

"He (Panuzzo) is going to have to have a big year for us. It's his turn to really step up and I expect him to do so," O'Shea said.

In the backcourt the team is anchored by veterans Gonzalez, junior Warren Daniel, and sophomores Brian Miles and Mark Pater.

"We have a different type of ball club this year," Miles, last year's starting point guard said. "Last year, we were more of a half-court team. Our personnel fits the running game this year."

O'Shea agreed with Miles, saying, "We will try to run and press more than last year, but we can play half-court basketball when we need to."

O'Shea is looking for the team's three recruits to make an immediate impact at the Division II level.

From Bronx, N.Y. is Olatunde Adekola. The 6'0" guard averaged 25.1 points, 6.7 assists and 2.5 steals for Our Saviour Lutheran High School last year.

"Adেকola will give us some

quickness in the backcourt and he is a proven scorer," O'Shea said.

Adekola is excited to be part of the team.

"The team seems real dedicated and the coaches take pride in what they are doing," he said.

Dag Christensen, a 6'7" forward/center from Ramsey, N.J., provides St. Michael's with a solid big man off the bench, O'Shea said.

"The league's going to be really good this year.

On paper we are not the strongest team, but we have a lot of versatile players, and I expect some guys to emerge for us.

•Tom O'Shea,
men's basketball coach

"Dag is a versatile big man," O'Shea said.

Miles agreed, saying, "He has a good mid-range jumper, which is a plus for a big guy."

Rounding out the freshman class is Anthony Scott, a guard from Egan, Minn, who O'Shea referred to simply as a "scorer."

"With half the team new this year, it took a little while for us to get comfortable with one another," Panuzzo said. "We are definitely making progress and getting smoother day by day."

The Knights open their schedule on Nov. 13 against Queens College in the 1998 Disney Tip-Off Classic in Orlando, Fla.

Ice Knights cruise to Pepsi Invitational title, 4-3, 8-3

By C.J. Lampman
Sports Editor

The St. Michael's College hockey team carried its winning ways over from last season.

The team, which lost 11 players to graduation, won the Potsdam Pepsi Invitational Tournament over the weekend. They beat Wentworth 4-3 on Friday, and defeated Worcester State 8-3 on Saturday for the title.

Instrumental in the wins were freshmen Jeremy Cacarro, Andy Wegos and Peter Ennis, who combined for four goals. Newcomer sophomore Kevin Lane also added a goal.

Junior defenseman Jim Murphy said the freshmen came together well. This helped answer the questions about how the team would be able to recover from last year's losses, he said.

"Last year was last year and this is a new year entirely," Murphy said.

Senior tri-captain Chris Davidson added, "We dealt with the losses knowing the scoring

wouldn't be the same, so we picked things up on defense."

Davidson said the team picked up its offense in the third period against Worcester, when they scored five unanswered goals.

Head Coach Lou DiMasi credited Davidson's leadership for a lot of the team's success.

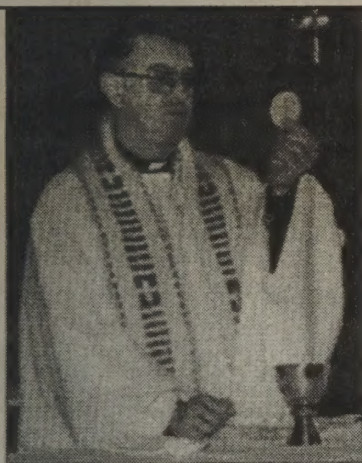
"Chris was the catalyst that brought us over the hump against Worcester," DiMasi said.

Davidson and DiMasi agreed that senior goalie Nick Dion proved himself between the pipes for the Ice Knights.

The team's next game is at home against Curry College Nov. 7.

Sports Trivia Answer:

- Tom Dempsey kicked a 63 yarder for the New Orleans Saints in 1970.
- Jason Elam, of the Denver Broncos, tied the record against the Jacksonville Jaguars two Sundays ago.
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Fall seasons end in NE-10s

Some seasons better than others

By C.J. Lampman
Sports Editor

The fall sports seasons are over and like all years, some teams have had better seasons than others.

There were two teams that made the NE-10 tournament based on season play: the men's soccer team and the field hockey team.

The soccer team experienced something of a rebuilding year, with only four seniors and 18 underclassmen.

The team started 3-0, winning the annual St. Mike's Kickoff Classic, but the team lost eight of its next 11, dropping to 5-8-1.

They played in the first round of the NE-10 tournament Tuesday at LeMoyne.

The women's team also experienced a rebuilding year. Second-year coach Melissa Egan had only one senior on the team - and the team had a tough time rebounding from a 1-4-1 start.

The men's cross-country team was led by freshmen Andy Sheridan and junior Sean Rooney. The women's team was led by freshman Kiersten Lippman, who earned All-Conference honors.

The teams finished fourth (women's) and fifth (men's) out of eight teams in the NE-10 meet over the weekend at LeMoyne.

The women's tennis team had its most successful season ever, finishing 10-3 overall and 6-3 in the conference.

After starting 2-0, the team never looked back. They were led by sophomore Mandy Puskas and junior Kelly Spelman -- who played one and two in singles and won the first doubles portion of the NE-10 Tournament. The team finished second.

The women's volleyball team did not have as much luck. They finished 2-12 overall and 1-8 in the NE-10.

The golf team was led by senior Colin Mulready and junior Graham Walsh, who earned second team all-conference honors. Also instrumental was newcomer Travis Daley.

The team finished 33rd out of 46 teams at the NEIGA Invitational.

Overall, the fall was a successful campaign that boasted a new record, and several All-Conference selections.

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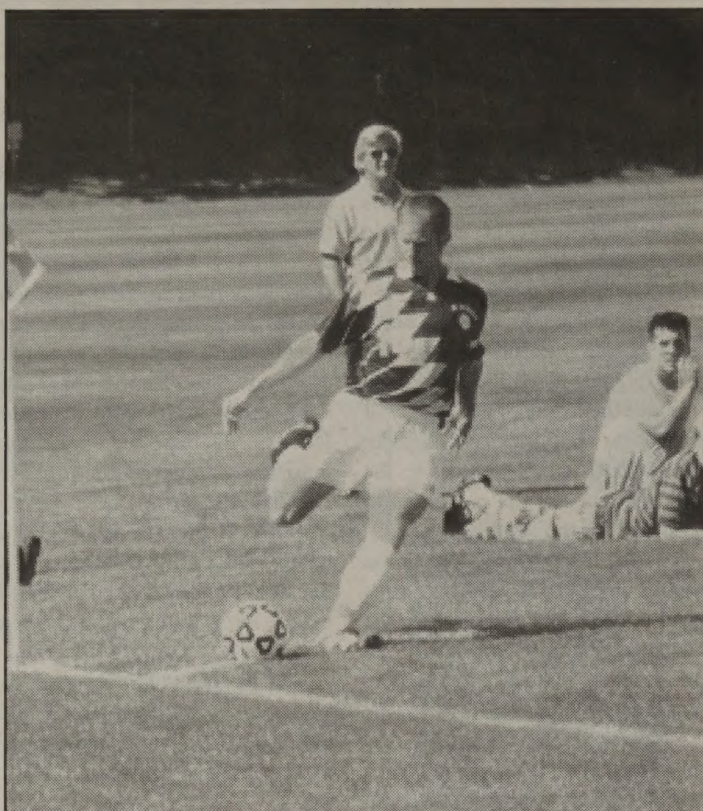


Photo Colin Mulready
Junior Mike DeFranco helped lead the Purple Knights to the NE-10 Conference playoffs.

Lady Knights downed 4-3 at Assumption College

By C.J. Lampman
Sports Editor

The St. Michael's College field hockey team lost in the semifinals of the NE-10 Conference playoffs to Assumption on Thursday.

The Greyhounds defeated the Lady Knights 4-3.

St. Mike's got on the board first, when junior Seanna Poelaert scored unassisted, for her 15th goal of the year.

Assumption countered a minute later and the score was deadlocked at one.

The game went back and forth until the 65th minute when Assumption's Angela Corby scored the gamewinner.

Senior tri-captain Kelley Fitzgerald said the game was a well-fought battle that went back and forth throughout.

Poelaert scored all three goals for the Lady Knights, moving her into fifth place on the all-time scoring list with 66 points.

"It was a productive season," Poelaert said. "Our closeknit group had a lot to do with our success."

Fitzgerald agreed, saying her final year of field hockey at St. Mike's was one of the best.

"I got to play with my sister this year, and I had a great time," Fitzgerald said.

The team finished with one more win than last year, with an overall record of 11-7.

UCLA strips one away from Stanford, wins 28-24

Bruins slip from no. 2 to no. 4 in coaches poll

By Jeff Kmiotek
UCLA

It's a shame that it had to happen that way."

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) -- The Bruins could have stayed home Saturday night because they got their Halloween scare during the day.

Less than a week after becoming No. 1 in the important BCS poll, the Bruins (7-0, 5-0 Pac-10) became escape artists against Stanford, rallying from a 10-point deficit to squeak out a 28-24 win.

This was the same Stanford team that had just one win and the worst defense in the Pac-10. The same Cardinal that came into the Rose Bowl as a four-touchdown underdog against a team with a nation-leading 16-game winning streak.

"That's the worst we've played all year," said coach Bob Toledo. "But to play as bad as we did and still win says something."

The Bruins had destiny on their side, overcoming penalties, turnovers and overall sloppy play to do what they do best - win football games.

"We just had to come up with the W, no matter how ugly it looked or how pretty it looked," said cornerback Marques Anderson, who made the biggest play of the game, maybe the year.

Anderson, who had a sprained toe, was almost held out of the game due to the injury. But with 10 minutes remaining before game-time, he was given the signal to play and the choice was a blessing for the Bruins.

With four minutes left and UCLA leading by four, Stanford quarterback Todd Husak fired a pass to Jeff Allen, who grabbed it and sprinted toward the end zone. Anderson caught up to Allen and raked the ball out of his grip at the one-yard line, an instant away from Stanford taking the lead.

"I went for the strip. Luckily, it was there and it came out," said Anderson.

"I thought we had it," said Husak. "When I saw what had happened, it was devastating."

Another unlikely hero was tailback DeShaun Foster, who surprised everyone when he appeared in the game in the second half. Foster, out for two weeks with a sprained knee and expected to be sidelined longer, didn't even know he was going to play until halftime, when Toledo decided it was an emergency.

Jermaine Lewis bruised his knee in the first quarter, and Keith Brown was a bit tired, so Foster got the nod and proved himself. He ran nine times for 51 yards, including the game-winner, an 8-yard TD trot with eight minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

UCLA had its fair share of chances to take control of the game early but was continuously nailed by penalties. Cade McNown threw a first-quarter touchdown to Danny Farmer, but it was called back on a holding penalty. In all, UCLA committed 12 penalties for 125 yards.

"Mistakes just killed us," said McNown. "I wish we could have played better a little early on, and I think we will next week. I think we've learned some lessons in the last couple weeks. We've escaped, but we haven't dominated."

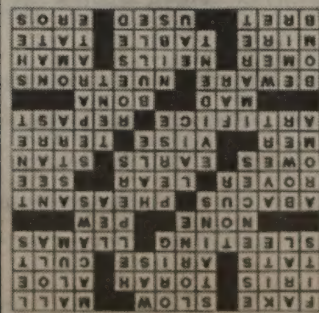
The Bruins' weak performance is not the only factor in the game's close call. Stanford overachieved, playing their best game of the season. Husak torched the Bruin defense for 419 yards passing, the second-most ever against UCLA.

"We truly expected to win," said Walters. "We thought that they might take us lightly and look ahead to USC and Washington. But we didn't make the big plays."

UCLA did come up with the big plays, as they have all season.

"How could you be disappointed when you win a game like that?" said defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti. "Sometimes you need a little bit of magic, and we certainly had the rabbit's foot tonight."

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Sports

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Bird gives the fans one more ride

By Derek Walther
Guest Columnist

For basketball fans worldwide, and Boston Celtics fans in particular, Oct. 2, 1998 will forever stand out as a memorable day.

For a rookie reporter and fan, Larry Bird's induction into the Hall of Fame marked a rare opportunity to see one of the game's greatest players receive the ultimate honor.

Springfield, Mass. buzzed with excitement at 2 p.m. as hundreds of fans stood in line at the basketball Hall of Fame, waiting for autographs from NBA legends — and Bird wasn't even there yet.

As the hours passed before the dinner and induction ceremony began at the Springfield Civic Center, I roamed the streets outside of hotels where former NBA stars were rumored to be staying.

I was literally bumped into by ex-Celtics coach Red Auerbach.

Legends George "Iceman" Gervin, Wilt Chamberlin, Bill Walton, Nate Archibald and members of the modern Harlem Globetrotters, all of whom would be guests at the induction, walked the streets.

I asked Bob Lanier for an autograph or a quote for *The Defender*, but he signaled for a "time-out." I guess he didn't want to sign any more.

Dr. Jack Ramsey (from

ESPN) said, "Hey, I've heard of St. Mike's."

When I asked K.C. Jones about playing with and coaching Bird, he simply said, "I'm honored."

The Springfield Civic Center usually hosts hockey games and an occasional basketball game, but on this night total attention was on Bird and the other six inductees.

Entering the complex felt like a Hollywood experience — a red carpet laid out and an arch for stars and guests to walk under to enter the dinner.

I was surprised to walk into the ballroom alongside Tom Heinson, a famous star and coach

After the dinner and some autograph signing by the legends on hand, the crowd moved into the stadium portion of the civic center, joining another 4,000 people for the actual induction ceremony, hosted by NBC's Ahmad Rashad.

Without doubt, the crowd was there to see Bird. The "Larry, Larry" chant was unstoppable, many times drowning out Rashad's introductions of the other inductees.

Bird was announced last and he received a long standing ovation. He was joined on stage by former teammate Bill Walton and his first pro coach, Bill Fitch — both also members of the hall.

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of the Celtics turned telecaster. I asked him about his general feelings about Bird's induction.

"It's wonderful," Heinson said. "He deserves it. He captured our interest in the '80s with Magic. Then it was Michael in the '90's. Who's next? It could be you."

Heinson was also the host for the evening. In his introduction of Bird he characterized the three-time NBA MVP by saying, "Larry Bird was one of the smartest players of all time. He played chess while everybody else played checkers."

The tribute blended the past with the present. It was as if Bird had just hit a game-winning 3-pointer, but this ovation was in appreciation of his 13 years of hard work. He was the epitome of Celtic Pride.

Bird started off with a zinger. He said, "I was going to have [Bill] Walton write my speech, but I hear his speeches are even longer than his career."

The three-time NBA champion added, "I'm very proud to say I spent 13 seasons with the Celtics."

Bird, always humble, credit-

ed his coaches for making him a great player. "Coach Holland (in high school) gave me the green light and it's been on for 30 years now."

Bird also credited Fitch, saying, "He made me what I am today. I played a lot of basketball, but never won anything until '81."

The 1980 NBA Rookie of The Year told two humorous stories about relations with his pro coaches.

The first one was about he and Fitch. On the Celtics' road trips the rookies had to stay in coach seating on the planes. Bird played really well on a particular trip and said to Fitch, "I'm a first class-player. I deserve a first-class seat."

He didn't get it.

The other was when the Celtics were playing in Los Angeles. At half-time of the game against the Lakers, Coach K.C. Jones told Bird there was a death threat and asked Larry if he wanted to play the rest of the game.

Larry said he wanted to keep playing and Jones replied, "OK, just don't come near the huddles."

Bird, one of 25 Celtics now in the hall, wrapped up his speech by saying, "I don't know what else to say. It's been awesome. God bless each and every one of you."

I feel very lucky as a reporter and a sports fan to have been able to see Bird play and, now, to have seen him honored as one of the greatest players ever.

The other 1998 inductees were:

- Jody Conradt, the winningest coach in the history of women's college basketball.
- Alex Hannum, only coach in history to win ABA and NBA titles.
- Marques Haynes, an original Harlem Globetrotter who has been inducted into six Halls.
- Aleksander Nikolic, dubbed, the "father of Yugoslavian basketball."
- Arnie Risen, played for the NBA's Rochester Royals in the '40s and '50s.
- Lenny Wilkens, winningest coach in NBA history, with 1,120 career wins.

Bird's accomplishments:

- First non-center to win three consecutive MVPs
- 21,791 career points
- Career avg. of 24.3 pts., 10 rebs and 6.3 assists per game
- Named to 10 All-NBA teams
- 12 All Star game selections
- 3-time NBA All-defensive team
- 2-time NBA finals MVP
- Named one of NBA's all-time 50 greatest players

SMC Scoreboard

Men's Soccer

The Purple Knights tied in-state foe Green Mtn. State 0-0. They lost to Plymouth State on Thursday 3-0.

The team made the NE-10 playoffs. They played at LeMoyne yesterday.

The team finished with an overall record of 6-9-2, and a record in the NE-10 of 3-4-1.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Knights finished their season 1-1, beating in-state foe Johnson State 8-0 and losing to Middlebury 8-1.

The team finished with an overall record 5-12-1 and an NE-10 record of 1-7.

Field Hockey

The Lady Knights finished their regular season by beating UMass Lowell 2-0.

In the semifinals of the NE-10 playoffs, they lost to Assumption 4-3.

Their overall record was 11-7, and NE-10 record was 3-2.

Men's Hockey

The Ice Knights won their first two games of the season winning the Potsdam Pepsi Invitational Tournament.

The team beat Wentworth 4-3 on Friday and Worcester State 8-3 on Saturday.

Men's & Women's X-country

The men runners finished fifth out of eight teams at the NE-10 meet in Syracuse. Their top finisher was Sean Rooney.

The women finished fourth out of eight teams. Their top runner was Kiersten Lippman.

Volleyball

The Lady Knights went 1-2 at the So. Connecticut Invitational Tournament over the weekend, beating So. Conn. 3-1 and losing to UMass Lowell and Stonehill 3-1 each.

Men's Basketball

The Purple Knights open up against Queens College in the Disney Tip-Off Classic Nov. 13.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Knights open up against Stony Brook in the SMC Tip-Off Classic Nov. 14.



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Lady Knights hoping to turn silver to gold

By Nate Thompson
Staff Writer

With the St. Michael's College women's basketball team returning all five of its starters, the Lady Knights are looking to celebrate more than their 25th anniversary season.

The team will look to improve on last years 10-16 record and seventh place finish in the conference by welcoming back eight varsity players, including seniors Sarah Ferland, Beth Drociak, Kelly Borch, and Becky Adams.

"I don't know that we could have a better silver anniversary team," Head Coach Sue Duprat said. "This may be our best team in over a decade."

Leading the way in 1998-99 will be guard Sarah Ferland, who played 928 of a possible 1,040 minutes last year and led the team in assists with 6.2 per game.

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Center Kelly Borch led all Division II players in blocks last season, averaging 5.1 per game. In addition, she was the team's leading rebounder with 12.8 per game.

Also returning this season is the team's leading scorer, junior forward Tara Clark, who averaged 13.6 points per game last year.

According to her coaches, Borch should be ready to play, after having had back surgery over the summer.

"We think she's recovered well, considering. She's a tough kid -- one of the best we've ever had," Duprat said.

The team has four new recruits: Tara Carriero, a 5-7 guard from Wallingford Conn. who finished as her school's all-time leader in points, rebounds, steals and assists.

•Becky Tomsich, a 6-2 center/forward from Ohio, who averaged 14.2 points, 9.2 rebounds, and 3.8 blocks per game in her senior season at St. Peter's High School.

•Erika Enge, a 5-8 guard from



Photo by Colin Mulready

The Lady Knights get ready for their home opener Nov. 14 against Stony Brook State. They will be led by seniors Sarah Ferland, Beth Drociak, Kelly Borch and Becky Adams in this their 25th silver anniversary season.

Framingham, Mass. who averaged 17.6 points per game last year.

•Emily Morse, a 5-11 guard/forward from Bangor, Maine who was an all-conference selection in basketball and soccer.

"I think our freshmen are going to catch people by surprise," Assistant Coach Amy Molina said. "No one's really expecting them to have to contribute much, but I think they'll step up and win some games for us."

The team has planned a number of promotions to commemorate the silver anniversary of women's basketball at St. Michael's, including designing an anniversary logo, and issuing trading cards of the players.

"It's a year-long celebration for all the women who have played here. It's very exciting that we're in a position to celebrate that," Duprat said.

St. Michael's is planning to bring back members of past teams during home

games, and will end the season by announcing a silver anniversary squad.



The Lady Knights will celebrate their 25th anniversary this season. Former player Kathy (Nolan) Tonelli '78 designed the logo.

Aside from their regularly scheduled NE-10 conference games, the Lady Knights will be playing games against Division I-bound Stony Brook State. And Shippensburg State, ranked third in the nation's Division II pre-season poll.

"It's going to be hard; this is arguably

the best division II conference in the country. But some teams play people to look good -- we play people to get good," Duprat said.

The excitement of the 25th anniversary -- coupled with a wealth of experience and incoming talent -- have the Lady Knights believing they can do big things this year.

"If we play consistently, use the running game and work the press a lot, we should do well," senior Sarah Ferland said.

"This should be a good year to be a spectator. I think we have the best starting five in the conference," Molina said.

Duprat agreed, saying the team has a very realistic chance to host a playoff game this season. "That's our goal," she said.

The Lady Knights begin their season at home Nov. 14 against Stony Brook in the annual St. Michael's College Tip-Off Classic.

Men's basketball team: "We're going to Disney World"

By Adam Sullivan
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Basketball -- not Space Mountain -- will be the focus of the St. Michael's men's basketball team's trip to Disney World Nov. 13, Head Coach Tom O'Shea said.

In a week and a half, the Purple Knights will travel to Orlando, Fla. to compete in a tournament against eight teams from across the country.

The team's first game of the three-day tournament is against Queens College, N.Y. If St. Michael's wins, they will advance to the winners-bracket and play two more games. Either

way, the team is guaranteed three

On Nov. 13, the St. Michael's men's basketball team will travel to Orlando, Fla. to compete in the three day, Division II Disney Tip-Off Classic. There are eight teams participating in the tournament. The Purple Knights open up against Queens College

games.

The quality of competition

will be very strong, O'Shea said.

"This is the best Division II tournament in the country."

Five of the teams competing in the tournament are ranked among the Top 20 in the Division II national poll.

One of the teams, Kentucky Wesleyan, was ranked No. 1 in the country last year for Division II schools.

Senior tri-captain John Gonzalez said the tournament should be a good experience.

"It will give us a sense of direction of where we stand going into the season," he said.

O'Shea said the team had to apply to get into the tournament.

"This was the year that our

league was designated to have a representative in the tournament," O'Shea said. "We said we were interested, we submitted our records from the past two years, and then we got selected."

Another captain, Brian Panuzzo, sees the tournament as an opportunity for younger players to adjust the college-level basketball.

Junior guard Warren Daniel sees the trip as a time for players to spend quality time together.

"The tournament will help us gel as a team," Daniel said.

The trip was made possible through fund raising. Coaches and players raised all the money through events like Baseline

Buddies and Kids Night Out.

Baseline Buddies is a program that allows kids from the local community to come shoot hoops and practice drills with the team throughout the season.

Panuzzo said both the programs, combined with summer camps provided enough money to pay for the trip.

Daniel said whether or not the team well in Florida, the trip will be a good indication as to where they stand.

"I know that we will accomplish a lot of things while we are there," Daniel said.

The team's first home game is against NE-10 conference foe LeMoyne College Nov. 29.

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